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Blair admits smacking his children – and feeling remorse

By Alice Thomson
Political Reporter

TONY BLAIR, who has always claimed to be "tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime", has been applying *the same principles* at home.

The Labour Leader admitted yesterday that he smacked his children and believed corporal punishment was an appropriate tool to help to maintain discipline.

The admission to *Parent Magazine* has delighted Right-wing Tories who are thrilled that the Labour leader has joined a select band of parliamentary smackers, including Virginia Bottomley and Baroness Thatcher.

But his own politically correct backbenchers are more censorious and see it as a mild blot on his moral reputation.

Mr Blair, who has three children, Euan, 12, Nicholas, ten, and Kathryn, eight, said: "When they were little I smacked them occasionally if they were really naughty or did something nasty to another child."

He said he felt some remorse. "I always regretted it because there are lots of ways of disciplining a child and I don't believe that belting them is the best one." But he added: "I was caned as a schoolboy and it probably did me no harm."

Mr Blair justified smacking by saying: "There is a clear dividing line between administering discipline on the one hand and violence on the other, which most parents understand perfectly well. The important point is to discipline your children, because they must realise that there are some things they can't do."

The Labour leader said that being a father was far harder work than being a politician. Asked if he ever got cross, he said: "When my children don't do what they are told." He said: "They do all the things that I used to be absolutely dreadful about as a child, like answering back or not tidying their rooms ... I think it is *important to* enforce a code of conduct."

Now that Mr Blair has spilled the beans on his childrens' upbringing they will not be able to do a Patty Reagan and write a bestseller about being abused as a child.

But, like Mrs Bottomley, Mr Blair made it very clear he hit them only because he cared.

In a three-page colour spread filled with pictures of his wife and *children having breakfast and* playing in the garden, Mr Blair expounded the virtues of family values.

He said he would never forget the moment he became a parent and said watching the birth of two of his children was "a great thrill".

He said Cherie Blair was a "brilliant mum," and said he tried to spend at least two evenings a week with the family playing football, reading, or helping with their *homework*.

Labour MPs were publicly remaining silent, having been reprimanded for making their views clear on Mr Blair sending his child to a grant-maintained school. Members of the shadow Cabinet,

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Britain defies Brussels over Euro veto

By Philip Webster, Charles Bremner and Roger Boyes

BRITAIN'S battle with the European Union over beef turned into a defiant stand-off last night after Brussels refused to make any further moves towards lifting the general export ban until John Major ends his policy of non-cooperation.

The European Commission agreed, as expected, to end the embargo on beef by-products, but Jacques Santer launched a fierce attack on Britain's "absurd" stance, which he claimed was breaking the EU's founding treaty.

He spoke after a majority of the 20 commissioners had reluctantly followed their legal obligations and ended the smaller ban while demanding that Mr Santer take tougher action against Britain. Some wanted the Government to be taken to court.

Downing Street, however, insisted that there would be no climbdown. Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, said: "The policy has been made clear by the Prime Minister and that policy remains in place until the circumstances which relate to it — and which he set out so clearly in the House of Commons — has been constructively addressed."

Britain also seemed ready to threaten legal action against Germany, which said it would not lift even the ban on tallow, gelatine and bull semen. Malcolm Rifkind, in Bonn on a cross-Europe "charm offensive" that appeared rapidly to be turning sour, said that any unilateral ban would violate European law.

Germany has said that it will not ease its embargo on British beef products until the federal decree comes up for review in September — and even if it did, the 16 federal states would almost certainly impose their own curbs.

The German stance put it, too, on a collision course with the Commission. But it was the stalemate on the main ban that was causing most alarm last night. Some Conservative MEPs called for a "gradual de-escalation" of the non-cooperation policy to help agreement on a staged removal of the ban, and business leaders warned the Prime Minister that the crisis could disrupt other trade. Niall Fitzgerald, the chairman of the CBI's Europe committee, said that careless Euro-sceptic talk could cost jobs.

Article 5 of the Treaty of Rome says:

"Member states shall take all appropriate measures, whether general or particular, to ensure fulfilment of the obligations arising out of this Treaty or resulting from action taken by the institutions of the Community.

"They shall facilitate the achievement of the Community's tasks. They shall abstain from any measure which could jeopardise the attainment of the objectives of this Treaty."

Mr Rifkind and Douglas Hogg, the agriculture minister, were meanwhile touring Europe trying to get agreement on a "framework" for ending the whole ban, but Mr Santer seemed to rule out any chance of that, and the Florence summit later this month is now at serious risk of chaos.

Mr Santer claimed yesterday that Britain's blocking tactics were against the "spirit and letter" of the Treaty of Rome, whose Article 5 requires member states to facilitate the smooth running of the Union.

Britain was "distancing itself from the heart of Europe", he said, and now that Brussels had met its obligations over the by-products, the Commission expected "an immediate de-escalation from its position of conflict.

"In the absence of such *immediate de-escalation, further* work concerning a general framework of cooperation for achieving ... a later lifting of the embargo would risk being seriously affected."

Mr Santer did not want the "surrender" of Britain. "We are not at war," he said. "We want the United Kingdom, as the Prime Minister said, to be at the 'heart of Europe'. With these (blocking) procedures, this cannot be achieved."

Mr Santer added that he had given his warning to Mr Rifkind on Tuesday and urged Britain to consider its implications. Emphasising what he deems the futility of Britain's action, he added that he knew "for sure" that the other members would have lifted the by-products ban on Monday had Britain not adopted its obstructionist policy.

In the event, the decision was handed back to the Commission — and even the minor concession won yesterday was more modest than it appeared because of the conditions attached. About a third of the tallow produced in Britain is used to make soap, but the heat treatments required will make it impossible to produce any of the right quality.

Even taken at face value, the end of the by-products ban will free only £34 million of exports — the market for bull semen, for example, raises less than £1 million a year. This compares with beef exports worth £520 million and live *calf exports worth £70 million*, which remain blocked.

Diplomats now expect Britain and its partners to remain deadlocked at least until Florence. Officials said the crisis could be defused there through a political agreement on a broad framework, without any dates attached, which would then go through the EU's formal decision-making machinery. At the least, this means months before any further easing of the ban.

"I hate the way the Germans are always the first to sign any beef ban"

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TONY WHITE

Roy Benson training on the beach at Cliftonville near Margate in Kent yesterday

London Marathon veterans disqualified

By John Goodbody
Sports News Correspondent

Mr Benson and Miss Catlin during the race

TWO veteran runners were yesterday disqualified from this year's London Marathon *for cheating because officials* can find no evidence they ran the whole course.

Roy Benson, who won the over-60 mens' section, with a time of 2 hours 55 minutes 04 seconds, and Guillian Catlin, who was fourth in the women's over-60 class in 3 hours 34 *minutes 03 seconds*, were told that their performances were being excluded from the official results. Mr Benson, 66, from Margate, Kent, had received a boxed category winner's medal. Miss Catlin, 62, from Liskeard, Cornwall received the medal for those who *complete the race*.

A six-week inquiry has hinged on a film taken on the Isle of Dogs, which is the checkpoint that the organisers use to verify that all runners complete the 26 miles, 385 yards. The two athletes have declined to identify themselves in the film, which was sent to their homes. Both say they do not possess video equipment. The organisers had previously spent hours scrutinising the film in a fruitless attempt to spot the two competitors.

Alan Storey, the general manager of the race, said: "We have been given no alternative. A lot of people train tremendously hard. We owe it *to them to remove anyone* from the results, when it is obvious that their performances lack credibility."

The event loops round east London and competitors who drop out of the race can use public transport free, provided they show their race numbers.

Both runners, who do not know each other, yesterday insisted that they had run the whole course. Their fast times in recent London marathons had originally been questioned by statisticians of veteran athletics, because neither had achieved performances of

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Ices for penguins as sun shines at last

By Russell Jenkins

BRITAIN enjoyed the warmest day of the year yesterday as most of the country enjoyed the high 70s, with some favoured south coast resorts basking in the low 80s. Today *is likely to be even hotter*.

The warm spell, due to high pressure moving north from Italy and the Mediterranean, comes after one of the coldest springs on record — so chilly that birds have failed to breed and flowers have been slow to blossom.

Yesterday the highest temperature — 82F (27.7C) — was recorded at Gravesend, Kent and the London Weather Centre said today will be generally warmer. A few showers and cooler weather are expected tomorrow evening and on Saturday, "but it will be pleasantly warm with a fair amount of sunshine."

London's noon temperature yesterday of 75F (24C) matched many of the Mediterranean hotspots and beat the Canaries 73F (23C), Cagliari, Sardinia 72F (22C) and Madeira 70F (21C). A week ago Bournemouth, in Dorset, was vying with Norway and Denmark for the chilliest temperatures. Yesterday at 82F it was hotter than Casablanca. One tourist office spokesman said: "This is much more like it. All the deck chairs are out and it is just like old times."

At Drusillas Zoo at Alfriston, near Eastbourne, keepers fed penguins with fish-flavoured ice lollies.

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IRA arms threat to peace talks

The future of the Northern Ireland peace process was in doubt last night after the IRA said that no weapons would be handed over before an overall political settlement.

The statement came as John Major and the Irish Prime Minister John Bruton attempted to end the deadlock on moves towards disarma*ment proposals*..........Page 2

Duchess signs $1.3m book deal

The Duchess of York signed a $1.3 million (£838,000) deal in New York last night for the publication of her autobiography, despite agreeing to a confidentiality clause in her recent divorce.

Under the deal with Simon & Schuster, the US publisher of her *Budgie* series, the book will be published in Britain and America later this year.

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Scientists reduce football match to total chaos

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

AS IF Terry Venables, the England coach, did not have enough to worry about in the run-up to Euro 96, sports scientists from Wales are now urging him to adopt more chaotic tactics.

According to their research, the mathematics of chaos theory can be applied to football. In essence, the tactic involves *disrupting the* well-established patterns of play by injecting the unexpected, something that good coaches may have already worked out for themselves. Keith Lyons and Mike Hughes of the University of Wales Institute in Cardiff have collected a mass of data from football matches, *modelling* patterns of play on a computer by noting every action taken by the players.

"Successful teams exhibit patterns of play" Dr Hughes, an Everton fan, told *New Scientist*. "Their actions show invariance which provides football with a pre-ordained course. Yet *amid the patterns there are perhaps* four or five occasions when the game deviates from this rigid structure."

The secret, he says, is exploiting these chaotic moments, or perturbations. And by studying the patterns of an opposing team's play, it should be possible to devise the perturbations *most likely to disrupt it*.

His data goes back for more than ten years, and includes details of every action taken by the players. From this a team's pattern of play can be modelled.

"These are the patterns these players feel comfortable with and with which *they create* dangerous attacks" says Dr Hughes. "We can use this information to enable opponents to upset these patterns."

Dr Hughes admits that it hardly needs chaos theory to identify that moments of genius win matches. But he says that the advantage of notation*al analysis is that it identifies what is* obvious or invariant in a match.

"When you can see the orderliness, it is easier to identify the ripples of player-induced chaos that upset those patterns" he says.

Dr Hughes is more optimistic than some about England's prospects. "The most critical time for England will be when they play Scotland, because that game's going to be absolute chaos."

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Bosom of liberty blanches at Lady Astor's bust

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

'OINTS of order in the :ommons yesterday featured he opening skirmishes in the Var of Nancy Astor's Bust. ıt least, Madam Speaker hought it was her bust. Tony Aarlow (C, Northampton lorth) said it was a plaque.)avid Harris (C, St Ives) alled it a hideous memorial.

And it was Mr Harris who aised the subject. He had assed through the "No" divi- ion lobby to vote on the revious evening, he told the peaker. There he had seen a ew ornament: a hideous nemorial to Nancy Astor, the ırst woman MP to take her eat in the House of Com- ıons. It was inappropriate. "We do not want our lobbies turned into pale imitations of the aisles at Westminster Abbey, with all sorts of memorials sprouting all over the place."

There were loud cheers from a number of Tory males. Normally a mild man, Harris seemed to have struck a chord. Few, if any, of his colleagues will remember Nancy Astor, but they all know Teresa Gorman (C, Billericay), Edwina Currie (C, Derbyshire South) and Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman (C, Lancaster) and legend has it that Lady Astor was a fearsome combination of all three — and then some. "I married beneath me. All women do," she once said.

One suspected yesterday that the objection was not just to busts in general, but to Lady Astor's in particular — though none dared breathe such a thought in Miss Boothroyd's presence.

Madam Speaker understood, she said, that "the bust was commissioned by the family". The House's Arts Committee had placed it in the "No" lobby. She promised to look into the matter. Parliamentary sketchwriters now await a counterblast from Lady Astor's supporters.

Indeed, for Nancy Astor's ghost, Wednesday was a troubled day. Minutes earlier, miner's son and unreconstructed Scottish male Jimmy Hood (Lab, Clydesdale) had seized the opportunity offered by a question on inward investment in Scotland to raise the subject of prostitution. Was it not a disgrace, he rumbled, that the Scottish Nationalist Party were proposing to "commercialise prostitution"? I think Mr Hood meant "legalise".

The Scottish Nationalists, he declared, would turn Scotland "into the greatest little whorehouse in Europe". There was a shocked silence, broken by the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, burbling something about how this proved that the Nationalists were very left-wing.

It is disillusioning for those of us who have tried to cleave to the principles of classical economic liberalism to see, one by one, our idols fall. First Michael Portillo sells out to jingoism; then John Redwood starts blethering about the Royal Yacht *Britannia:* Teresa Gorman degenerates into a populist: and now Michael Forsyth calls the deregulation of the sex market "left-wing".

As a one-time libertarian and prophet of the free market, Mr Forsyth should be ashamed. Lacking the courage to face the question, he might at least have had the wit to turn it aside with the remark that the Scots Nats seemed to have overtaken even the Tories in their enthusiasm for market forces.

Margaret Ewing (SNP, Moray) rose. "*Wooah!*" chorused the schoolboy tendency on both sides. "Reverting to the issue of inward investment ..." began Mrs Ewing, with dignity. "*Aaah*," sighed the disappointed boys.

You could imagine Nancy Astor's bust, quivering with rage in the "No" lobby.

☐ The bronze plaque of Lady Astor commissioned by her son David, a former editor of the *Observer*, was made by Michael Rizzello, a London sculptor. Mr Astor commissioned the work after a dinner to mark the 70th anniversary of his mother's election. "Someone said that there was nothing to mark the fact that she was the first woman in the house," he said.

IRA weapons statement threatens peace process

By Arthur Leathley
and Nicholas Watt

President Robinson, visiting Britain, laid a wreath in memory of Ireland's war dead at Westminster Cathedral. She was greeted by Cardinal Basil Hume and later had lunch with John Major. She will next week visit Washington at the invitation of President Clinton amid speculation that she may be a candidate to become UN Secretary-General.

'HE future of the Northern reland peace process was in oubt last night after the IRA aid that no weapons would be anded over ahead of an verall political settlement.

The IRA statement, which epeated that there would be o ceasefire before Monday's pening talks, coincided with fresh dispute over the all- arty talks. Ministers were ɔrced to abandon plans to nnounce details of an agree- ıent between London and)ublin when discussions alled yesterday morning.

John Major and John ruton, the Irish Prime Minis- r, were due to hold urgent iscussions to try to resolve ıe dispute. They are hoping for agreement today but officials admit there is no guarantee that differences can be ironed out.

After 16 hours of intensive talks between the two governments on Tuesday, ministers thought they had resolved problems over the destruction of terrorist weapons and who should chair the various parts of the talks. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Dick Spring, the Irish Deputy Prime Minister, emerged from talks early yesterday morning to predict a joint statement later in the day.

However hopes of a breakthrough collapsed after a furious reaction from Ulster Unionists and British ministers' refusal to bow to Dublin demands on the chairmanship of a crucial part of the talks.

London made clear yesterday that it would not give ground to demands to allow Senator George Mitchell, President Clinton's envoy, to chair the so-called "strand two" talks. Mr Bruton flew to London for a brief meeting with David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader. Mr Trimble has voiced deep reservations over the role of Senator Mitchell, who will oversee talks on decommissioning weapons.

After Mr Trimble had made clear his objections, the two governments acknowledged there was no prospect of a breakthrough yesterday.

The IRA statement came hours after Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, condemned Britain for excluding his party from the talks and for waiting until the last minute to hold discussions with the Irish Government about the agenda.

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TOM STODDART/KATZ

Smacking family: Mr Blair with children Kathryn, 8, Nicholas, 10, and Euan, 12.

Blair admits smacking

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whose recent public disagreements have forced Mr Blair to speak firmly to them, were distinctly nervous — possibly worried that their youthful *pater familias* may now consider using an even firmer line in future.

But one senior Labour backbencher said: "This is one right-wing view too far. The argument against hitting infants was won years ago. Everyone knows it breeds aggressive children."

Mr Blair's office was immediately inundated by calls from irate children's organisations.

Peter Newell, the co-ordinator of Epoch (End Physical Violence For Children), which aims to outlaw smacking said: "A hundred years ago political leaders got away with hitting their wives. Today they would be condemned. In a hundred years' time we will be horrified that a Labour leader admitted smacking a child."

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said: "The NSPCC understands the stresses parents and carers face, but believes that smacking is not an effective or appropriate way of disciplining children."

But surveys show that Mr Blair is not in a minority. About 90 per cent of parents in Britain say they have hit their children and his admission met much sympathy from some celebrity parents interviewed by *The Times*.

Race ban

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a comparable standard in shorter events. So the organisers of this year's Flora London Marathon gave each one of the 250 champion chips distributed to special competitors. These minute electronic gadgets clip onto the laces of running shoes and record split times in a central computer.

However, after the event on April 21, Mr Benson told the organisers that he had arrived eight minutes late for the start and, in his haste, had inadvertently left the chip in his car. Miss Catlin said that she did not wear the gadget because she did not want to be responsible for losing it and paying £20 to replace it.

Mr Benson runs regularly barefoot in the sea off the Kent coast. He said that, because of "the difficulties" that the organisers had faced, he did not object if any award were transferred to another runner.

He added: "To me it has been a great privilege to take part in the London Marathon and that is reward in itself. I would like to to run in the event next year and show everyone, once again, that I am capable of this time."

Miss Cattlin said she had raised about £30,000 for charity in her 19-race marathon career. This year, she was collecting for the British Heart Foundation. She said: "I am upset that I have been excluded. I ran all the way."

Minister silent on Japanese bid

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

THE Defence Minister James Arbuthnot angered MPs yesterday when he refused to confirm whether a Japanese consortium was bidding to buy the Armed Forces' 60,000 married quarters for £1.6 billion.

Members of the Commons Defence Select Committee had already expressed strong disapproval of the sell-off scheme, and Mr Arbuthnot's disclosure that after 25 years the purchaser would be able to redevelop certain sites for private sale.

When Frank Cook, Labour MP for Stockton North, asked whether it was true that the four bidders shortlisted were all foreign — two from America, one Dutch and one Japanese, Mr Arbuthnot said it was a commercially confidential matter.

It was revealed in *The Times* last month that the Japanese bank Nomura International is on the shortlist.

Winston Churchill, Tory MP for Davyhulme, described Mr Arbuthnot's response as an outrage. He said hiding such information would not be allowed in the United States. He told Michael Colvin, the committee chairman: "We need to assert our position as a committee to obtain that information. It is an outrage that it should even be suggested that it be denied to this committee." Mr Arbuthnot agreed to give the information to the MPs privately.

Earlier Bruce George, Labour MP for Walsall South, told Mr Arbuthnot he believed the proposal to sell the homes to a private consortium was a "nonsense". "I know it would mean a great deal of embarrassment if this could be reversed but frankly, as a member of this committee since 1979, and having witnessed many inanities by the MoD, this has got to be the greatest Pythonesque inanity ever."

Mr Arbuthnot said that although the future buyer would be able to redevelop certain sites after 25 years of leasehold ownership, it would have to provide alternative housing close by.

He announced, however, a new condition. The MoD would be able to issue a "ministerial certificate" to stop a site being redeveloped after 25 years if it would have an adverse effect on military operational effectiveness.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Computer may have misguided Ariane

A computer fault may have been responsible for the failure of the Ariane 5 rocket. Officials with the European and French space agencies said preliminary findings indicated that wrong information caused booster nozzles to swivel and steer the rocket off course as it approached supersonic speed over French Guiana. Ground controllers then ordered its destruction.

The possibility of a computer fault — either because of a flaw or because false information was sent from another electrical system such as the guidance or altitude units — was hailed as good news by officials with the agency and Arianespace, the commercial company due to take over running of Ariane 5. A design fault in the rocket's propulsion system would be far harder to rectify.

Mass conversion

The biggest mass conversion to date by a Church of England congregation has been recorded by a Roman Catholic church in east London, reports the *Catholic Herald*. Nearly 120 Anglicans from St Matthew's, Bethnal Green, including their curate, the Rev Stephen Willis, have been received into the Catholic church.

Fish quota call

Britain will not cut its fishing fleet until Brussels tackles quota-hopping by foreign fishermen, Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister, told MPs last night. He said the European Commission's call for cuts of 40 per cent was unacceptable; 20 per cent of the offshore fleet was wholly or part owned by foreign interests whose catches were part of UK quotas.

Exhibition saved

British Airways has come to the rescue of the Millennium Exhibition, planned for Greenwich. After an emergency meeting called by Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, to raise private-sector finance for the scheme, Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chairman, said the company would support the event "significantly".

Ecstasy danger

Ecstasy is now the main drug causing emergency admissions for psychiatric treatment, according to a study published today. More than two-thirds of 390 drug-related admissions to a psychiatric intensive care unit were for Ecstasy and all these involved people under 25 years old, says a report in the *Nursing Standard*.

Coe promoted

Sebastian Coe, MP, a former Olympic athletics champion, is to enter the Government as a junior whip. He replaces Gary Streeter, who earlier this week became junior minister at the Lord Chancellor's Department when Jonathan Evans went to the Welsh Office to replace Rod Richards, who resigned over allegations that he was having an affair.

Police ambushed

Police were pelted with petrol bombs and stones after being lured into an ambush by masked men who called 999 and claimed that rioters were looting shops. Detectives in Leeds suspect the attack could have been an attempt at retaliation by local criminals in response to a campaign against crime in the Woodhouse district of the city.

Shrimp apes bee

The first marine species to live in a colony like bees has been found in the crevices of a tropical sponge. The snapping shrimp lives in groups of up to 300 off Belize. The colony is dominated by a single queen who is responsible for all reproduction. The larger members of the colony do not breed but act as soldiers, defending the group.

Circulation decision angers Times

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

NEWS INTERNATIONAL, owner of *The Times*, complained to the Audit Bureau of Circulations yesterday over its decision to exclude from circulation figures Monday's edition of the paper, which is being sold at 10p from this week.

Les Hinton, executive chairman of News International, wrote to the bureau's chief executive, John Beadell, after it ruled that *The Times*'s decision to let newsagents keep the entire 10p breached industry rules.

The paper, which sells at 30p on weekdays and 40p on Saturday, launched the Monday offer to mark Britain's "summer of sport".

Mr Hinton's letter said: "I do not understand how the ABC can unilaterally decide to disallow copies of Monday's issue of *The Times* that were genuinely sold through the news trade, when thousands of papers which are given away through so-called 'bulk sales' are consistently included in publishers' ABC returns."

Richard Foan, deputy chief executive of the bureau, which is controlled by newspaper publishers, advertisers and agencies, said he was applying rules laid down by the industry. "The rules state that for copies to be included as trade sales they must give a positive contribution to the publisher. This is not the case if *The Times* is selling at 10p."

In the case of *The Daily Telegraph*, which has offered copies of the 70p *Sunday Telegraph* in return for a 10p voucher, the publisher was deemed to have gained a contribution because the customer had to buy a full-priced copy of *The Daily Telegraph* to obtain the voucher, Mr Foan added that different rules governed bulk sales, where newspapers are distributed free to readers by third parties.

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Thomas: to retire early

Jewish PC wins case over racial prejudice

By Richard Ford

A JEWISH police officer who suffered two years of anti-Semitic taunts won thousands of pounds in compensation yesterday from the Metropolitan Police.

PC Paul Thomas was awarded the money after an industrial tribunal found that he was discriminated against on racial grounds.

Mr Thomas, 40, agreed the terms and amount of compensation during a hearing at an industrial tribunal in central London. As part of the deal, he is forbidden from making any further comment on the matter or revealing details of the settlement. It is understood, however, that the payment is a five-figure sum.

Mr Thomas's case had been funded initially by the Commission for Racial Equality and then the Police Federation, which told Mr Thomas on Tuesday that it would not carry on with funding his case.

Mr Thomas plans to retire from the Metropolitan Police next month after being on sick leave for almost two years.

The settlement followed a hearing last year in which Mr Thomas said that he contracted bulimia nervosa, the slimmer's ailment, after being abused and mocked for following Jewish dietary rules while serving at Chiswick police station in west London.

The tribunal stated in its judgment: "We accept officers more senior than Mr Thomas are aware he was called Hymie and Moses and are surprised they were prepared to wait to be asked to do something about it."

Holiday girl, 5, swept out to sea on beach stroll

By Joanna Bale

A GIRL aged five was feared drowned yesterday after being swept away by a high tide while on holiday in Cornwall. Rebecca Ramsey was on an evening stroll at Sandymouth Bay, near Bude, with her mother's boyfriend, John Seaman, 52, and his son Matthew, 25, when they were cut off by the tide and carried into the sea.

The men managed to scramble onto rocks and were rescued by coastguards, but the girl disappeared. Two holidaymakers raised the alarm after seeing the men in the sea on Tuesday.

The girl's mother, Susan Ramsey, 44, watched from Stowe cliffs, overlooking the beach, as coastguards and an RAF helicopter searched rough seas for two hours. The search resumed at dawn yesterday, but was called off in the afternoon. Routine patrols of the area were continuing.

Flight Lieutenant Andy Cooper, pilot of the RAF helicopter, said: "The topography of the cliff results in quite serious breakers and crushing surf. This makes our searching the foot of the cliff very difficult because of the surf and the white water."

One of the rescued men suffered back injuries. Both were taken to hospital and released yesterday morning after treatment. The holidaymakers, who came from Bristol, were staying at Sandymouth Holiday Park and had been in the area for only a few hours.

The cliffs overlooking Sandymouth Bay

John Ramsey, 52, Rebecca's father, said last night: "She loved the sea. I would take her to the beach and she would be overjoyed. I just wish I had been with her. I know that coastline, I know how dangerous it can be. I don't blame the guys. I am sure they did all they could.

"She was a beautiful, loving girl; a real character. She was at that wonderful age where she was interested in everything."

Mr Ramsey, a salesman, separated from Rebecca's mother four years ago but looked after his daughter every other weekend. "All I can remember is her hugging and kissing me," he said. "She was so full of energy. I have not spoken to Susan and I believe she is under sedation at the hospital. She will be destroyed. She doted on Rebecca just like I did."

A police spokesman said: "The group were swept away in rough seas and it was a case of every man for himself. We will be interviewing the men to find out exactly what happened."

Gordon Whatley, a Falmouth coastguard spokesman, said: "After we rescued the men we were made aware of a missing girl. Apparently the three were stranded when the tide came in.

"The helicopter and lifeboat were scrambled but we couldn't find anyone. Cornwall is known for its coves and caves but the tides can be very dangerous."

A warning about beach safety was issued by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents yesterday. Malcolm Ellis, a spokesman, said extra care should be taken when walking on coasts not visited before. He also advised holidaymakers to check the times of tides.

At Sandymouth Bay, which is popular with surfers, the tide comes in rapidly to the foot of the cliffs. "What may look a very pleasant spot can become an extremely dangerous spot in a very short time," Mr Ellis said.

SAM MORGAN MOORE

Rebecca Ramsey went missing after being cut off by waves during a walk on the north Cornwall coast. Coastguards and an RAF helicopter failed to find her body

Killer GP needed more care says widow

By Tim Jones

A DOCTOR who had killed his daughter was able to commit suicide while being held in a secure unit, despite his wife warning staff that he needed special care, it was claimed yesterday.

Jane Alesworth told an inquest that her husband Patrick, 49, had attempted to kill himself several times. The GP had been committed to the secure Wallingford Clinic at Fairmile Hospital, Cholsey, Oxford, after being convicted of the manslaughter of his daughter Sara, 20, whom he bludgeoned to death at their home in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Last September he was found hanging from a tree with a rope made from strips of shredded trousers after he was allowed to walk alone in the grounds for half an hour.

Mrs Alesworth, 50, told the Oxford inquest that the family had been very supportive towards her husband: "I went to see him about once a week and my younger daughter came with me. I spoke to him most days on the phone. His sister and parents visited regularly."

His suicide attempts, and his anxiety, had usually coincided with her absences, she said. Days before his death, she learnt he had been discovered tearing up his trousers in his room: "Because I was going away for a few days, I rang the unit to say I knew what had happened and said to make sure to take bloody good care of him."

Patricia Kent, a nursing assistant, agreed she had taken the call from Mrs Alesworth but denied she had requested special care: "She just said she knew he had done something naughty."

Dr Henrietta Bullard, a consultant forensic psychiatrist, said Dr Alesworth had been allowed to continue his unescorted walks 24 hours after he had been discovered tearing the trousers into strips.

"It was a substantial change in that he was free to possibly commit suicide," Dr Bullard said. "But he was also free to be trusted and make progress. We didn't regard his unescorted parole as being a risk."

The inquest continues.

Honeymoon is over for groom who never had cancer

By Carol Midgley

A BRIDEGROOM who was showered with money and gifts after announcing he might die of cancer days after his wedding never had the disease, doctors said yesterday.

The Queen Alexandra Hospital at Cosham, Hampshire, issued a statement that Paul Challis was suffering from an ear infection — not cancer of the cranium as he had claimed — after he was seen being married on regional television.

Mr Challis, 28, and Katy Webster, 18, enjoyed a £4,000 wedding, made possible by sympathetic businesses who donated everything from the bridal gown, cake and rings to a hired white Rolls-Royce and a champagne reception.

Mr Challis had told the media that two days after the wedding last Saturday he would have an operation to remove part of his skull. He said he had only a 50-50 chance of survival.

But Pat Forsyth, spokeswoman for the hospital, said Mr Challis had mastoiditis. "This is basically an ear infection which had led to a small growth in the ear — it's a fairly common condition. The growth was not cancerous and there was no question of chemotherapy.

"The surgeon twice explained the situation to Mr Challis very carefully before the operation. He was never told he had cancer or that he would be having chemotherapy. The routine operation lasted only an hour and was a complete success."

Mr Challis had told his girlfriend on May 27 that he had cancer and three days later she proposed. The wedding cake, wedding rings, flowers and the use of a white Rolls-Royce were donated by wellwishers. Dresses for the bride and bridesmaids were also supplied free.

Yesterday Mr Challis insisted he had been told that he was suffering from cancer: "I am due to return to hospital in two weeks to start chemotherapy." He refused to say whether the couple, both unemployed, of Leigh Park, Havant, would be giving back the presents.

Sam Betts, from Copner, Portsmouth, who lent a white stretch limousine for the wedding, said: "People have been made to look like fools."

Fred Arnell, managing director of Picketts and Pursers, a Southsea jeweller, donated Miss Webster's gold wedding ring after being contacted by the family. "When I was told about the situation I thought, 'How awful, of course I'll help'. It was a great shock when I heard he never had cancer at all."

Paul and Katy Challis

Peter Phillips to be questioned about bar brawl

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

THE Princess Royal's son, Peter Phillips, is expected to be asked by police and teachers about an alleged brawl involving local youths and upper-sixth boys from Gordonstoun, the independent school where he and his sister Zara are pupils.

There is no suggestion that Peter was involved, but as Guardian, or head boy, he is expected to liaise with the authorities.

A man whose jaw was broken during the fighting said that Peter, who has gained a place in the Scotland under-18 rugby squad, was among about 20 boys who were eating and drinking in an American theme bar at Elgin, Grampian, when the trouble started. Grampian Police confirmed yesterday that they were investigating an alleged assault.

George More, 20, said that he was taken to hospital in Elgin with a broken jaw after one of the boys hit him in the face with a bottle. Mr More, who was transferred to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, where a metal plate was fitted to his jaw, said that he had been drinking with about ten friends in the bar in the Stotfield Hotel when an argument started.

"There was a crowd of Gordonstoun boys and a few locals fighting and rolling about in the street," he said. "I was punched on the back of my head and I turned round to grab whoever did it. The next thing I knew I was hit with a bottle."

Mr More's brother David, 17, said that Peter was one of the pupils who tried to calm the situation down.

The owner of the Laverockbank Hotel said: "The Gordonstoun boys do not come here often. They only get out about three times a year, but when they are here they are excellent and very well-behaved. Peter Phillips is a complete gentlemen. I don't believe either they or he has done anything wrong."

James Thomas, director of external affairs at the school, said: "The school acknowledges there was an incident in which fighting took place. The school strongly deplores this type of behaviour and deeply regrets any involvement by Gordonstoun pupils. An internal enquiry is continuing."

Kathleen Hill with her brother's George Cross

Hero's sister reunited with cherished medal

By Robin Young and Louise Gevaux

THE sister of a Second World War hero was reunited yesterday with the George Cross that was awarded to him posthumously.

Kathleen Hill, 68, of Norwich, had been hunting the medal for years since her nephew sold it to raise money for his marriage. It was awarded to her eldest brother, Herbert Henry Reed, for saving the life of the Chief Officer of the *SS Cormount*, a merchant ship on which he was a gunner, in 1941.

Bombardier Reed, then 30, had been hit by aircraft machinegun fire when he carried the badly wounded officer from the bridge to safety. Bombardier Reed then died, his stomach having been ripped open by bullets.

As a girl of 13, Mrs Hill went to Buckingham Palace with her mother to receive the medal from George VI. After her nephew sold it she sought help in tracing it from Lionel Wheble, secretary of the Marine Royal Artillery Old Comrades' Association. Initial attempts failed but Mr Wheble's son then spotted it by chance at the National Army Museum in Chelsea.

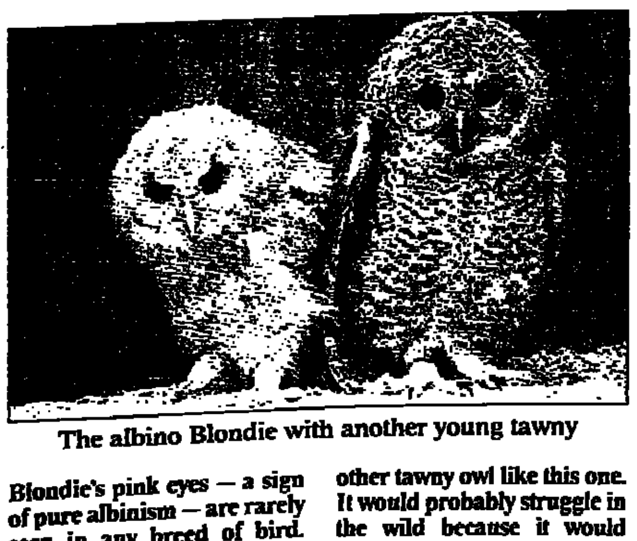
Mrs Hill travelled from Norwich to see it yesterday. "I am absolutely thrilled," she said. "The medal could not have gone to a better place."

Whiter shade of owl in mortal danger

BLONDIE, an albino tawny owl, is perhaps the rarest bird in Britain. There is no record of another albino tawny having been seen in this country, but such rarity is no guarantee of survival.

Experts fear that the owl's extraordinary looks will mark it as an easy target in the wild. Rooks, crows and jackdaws are likely to be ruthless persecutors and it could even be killed by the young tawnies sharing an aviary at the RSPCA's West Hatch animal rescue centre in Somerset.

Records held by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, dating back to the 1860s, show no albino tawny has ever been seen in Britain.



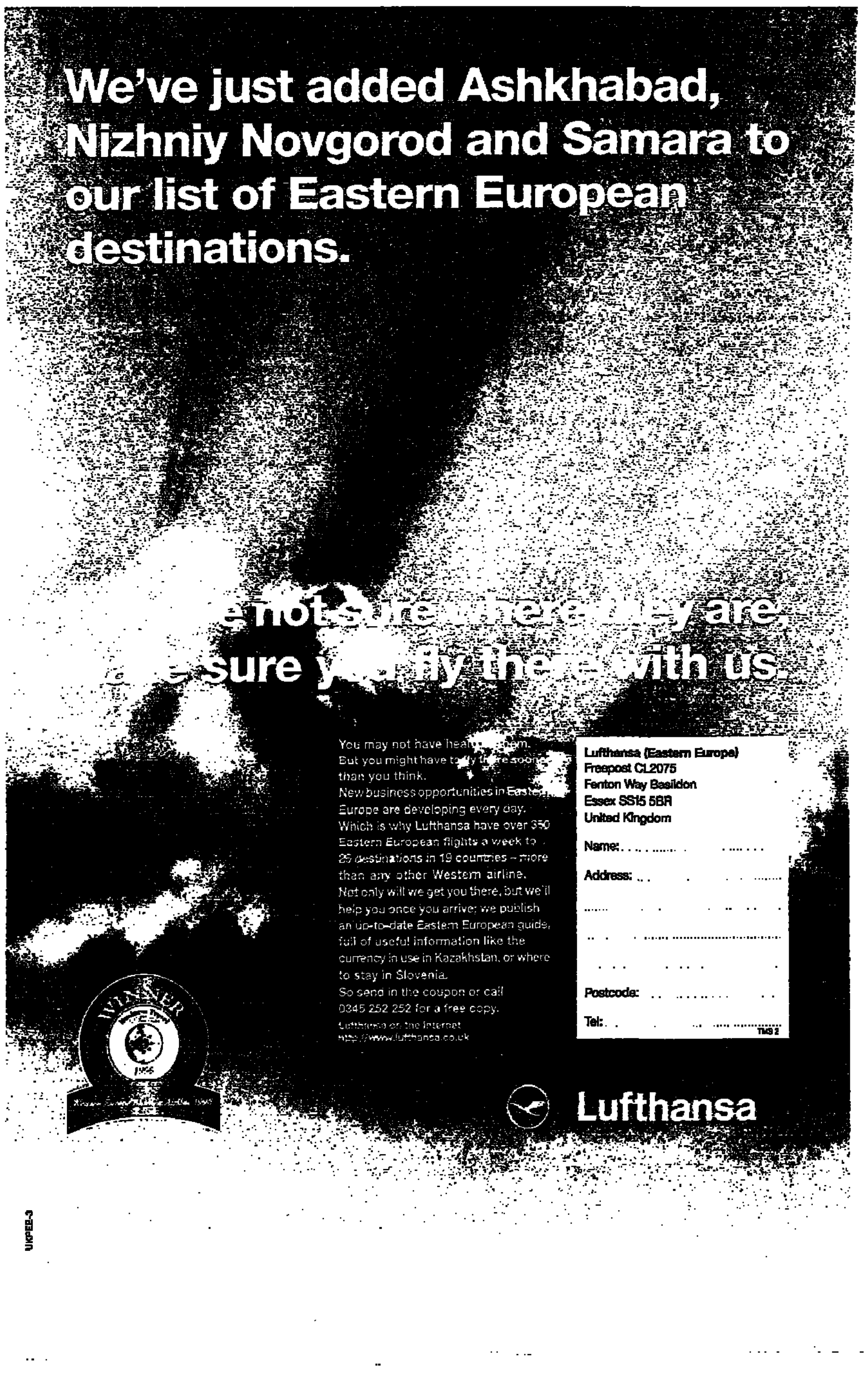
The albino Blondie with another young tawny

Blondie's pink eyes — a sign of pure albinism — are rarely seen in any breed of bird. Derek Niemann of the RSPB said: "We know of no other tawny owl like this one. It would probably struggle in the wild because it would stand out.

"Tawnies are among the most territorial of birds. Once fully grown they mark out areas over three to four miles and will drive away any other owl attempting to enter. A huge proportion of tawnies are killed like this."

Blondie, only six weeks old, was found dying in a field near Yeovil last month. The fledgeling had apparently edged out along a branch to feed and lost its balance.

Colin Seddon, deputy manager at the rescue centre, said: "Our aim is to release her but we won't if that means sending her to her death. Tawny owls rely heavily on their plumage to camouflage them when they're sitting in trees. This one will stick out a mile."



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Bulls 0, Princess 1: Diana celebrates away win in Chicago

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN CHICAGO

Well-wishers greet the Princess at Northwestern University yesterday. Even the Chicago Bulls were temporarily relegated in the city's affections

TELEVISION stations renamed their weather forecasts "Diana-casts" and spectators sobbed with emotion yesterday as America bowed to the Princess of Wales.

For a city of "Polacks and Paddies", as one barman put it, and whose Irish-descended mayor refused to comment on the visit, Chicago succumbed to an extraordinary bout of red-carpet fever. Crowds screamed like rock fans, a key match by the city's basketball team took second place for many, and politicians were awed by her hand-shaking skills.

Kelly Frederick, 30, a "lifelong" devotee, was so overcome by meeting her heroine that her shoulders heaved and tears coursed down her powdered cheeks. "A dream come true," wailed Ms Frederick, who had driven 300 miles to be there and considered her life now complete.

In the official part of the day, the Princess attended a symposium on breast cancer, visited a hospital and dined at a fund-raising gala which attracted the guttural matrons of Chicago's lakeside boulevards and was co-organised by the management of *People* magazine.

At the Northwestern University symposium, Britain's best-known hospital visitor received two standing ovations. She described cancer as being, for many, "the dreaded C word" and added: "I have witnessed at first-hand significant progress in diagnosis." She quoted a father of the modern Olympics movement, Pierre de Coubertin, who said 90 years ago: "The most important thing in life is not the victory but the contest; the essential thing is not to have won but to have fought well."

Her divorce lawyers presumably take a less sporting view. Cynics wondered if another dreaded C-word might be "Charles".

Veteran observers of the political scene marvelled at the way the Princess worked the crowds, exchanging small talk and shaking hands. Steve Obert, 18, an economics freshman, said: "I won't wash my hand for weeks." Roderic Williams, 20, studying international business, said: "It was magical. She told me it didn't look like I normally wore a jacket. Said she could tell because she has two boys of her own. She was really maternal." Governor Jim Edgar of Illinois watched and said: "In my line of work, we're envious."

The brother of the Princess of Wales has applied for a court order against a photographer who he said was harassing his family. Earl Spencer alleges that Fanie Jason entered the family home in Cape Town disguised as a workman. Lady Spencer said she and her children had been traumatised and no longer felt free to walk in their garden. The case was postponed until Tuesday.

The tortured politics of the House of Windsor were largely overlooked. Chicagoans are enthusiasts and wanted to think only of the good things. News programmes played *God Save the Queen*, anchormen adopted English accents and clips of Sir Winston Churchill were broadcast.

From her bedroom window yesterday the Princess had glorious views of Lake Michigan and of the muscle men who do their morning PT on the city's north shore beach. Even before she checked in, there was a message from a businessman asking her for a date. One TV channel consulted a matchmaker, Heather Stern, who said: "The Princess needs a man to nurture her. We have some wonderful bachelors."

For the Princess, this trip represents a chance to impress on London her ambassadorial potential. It was no mean feat for her to match interest in a Chicago Bulls' game. Deloris Jordan, whose son Michael is a Bulls' star, accepted an invitation to last night's dinner instead of attending the Bulls' game. It was the first time she has missed a play-off.

Louis B. Susman, a big wheel with the investment house Salomon Brothers, originally turned down an invitation to the dinner as he had a box for the basketball game. His wife reversed his plans.

Chicago's mayor, Richard Daley, may have refused to comment on the Princess's presence for fear of sounding too enthusiastic for the liking of his Irish constituency. One judge, Anne Burke, boycotted the dinner as a show of support for a united Ireland. A TV pundit urged the people not to bow and scrape to royalty: "Americans bow to no one!". The advice was widely ignored.

☐ An Irishman who caused a security alert outside Kensington Palace last month was denied access to an American flight from Shannon Airport. Liam Whitney, 36, who says he is in love with the Princess, did not have a passport.

The Duchess of York in New York with her mother

Duchess's story fails to raise £1m

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE Duchess of York was close to signing a book deal in New York last night for $1.3 million (£840,000).

The reported price falls far short of the $4.3 million paid recently to Marcia Clark, prosecutor in the O.J. Simpson case, or the $3 million deal done by the comedienne Rosie O'Donnell.

One reason for the low offer is that the Duchess agreed to a confidentiality provision in her divorce that will prevent her writing a "kiss-and-tell" account of her ten-year marriage. It is unclear how much the Duchess will be able to disclose about her relationship with the Texan John Bryan and other controversies that she has been involved in since her marriage.

The Duchess, who is in New York to attend charity functions, will write her autobiography for Simon & Schuster, the US publisher of her Budgie the Helicopter series.

The *New York Post* yesterday quoted one publisher who passed on the autobiography as saying: "We were a little nervous, since she had nothing in writing to show us, only the promise that she would be open and honest and that she would write about her marriage to some degree." Another editor who met the Duchess said: "She told me that she wants to tell her whole story. A classic, women's self-discovery story with all the glamorous trappings, as well as details about what her life will be like as a single parent."

By signing with Simon & Schuster, the Duchess will be able to work with Michael Koorda, one of the top publishers in America. Mr Koorda has handled such celebrities as Jackie Collins, Faye Dunaway, Charlton Heston and Harold Robbins. He is travelling across the United States on a book tour to promote *Man to Man*, his account of his battle with prostate cancer.

This is not the first time the Duchess has sought a seven-figure book deal in New York. In 1994 she tried unsuccessfully to land $5 million for a mystery novel that mirrored her life and for a children's book about an American girl befriended by a princess on a trip to London.

CORRECTION

Stansted Park, Hampshire, is owned by the Stansted Park Foundation and not by the Earl of Bessborough (report, May 22). The Foundation's agent is Captain John Gowen RN.

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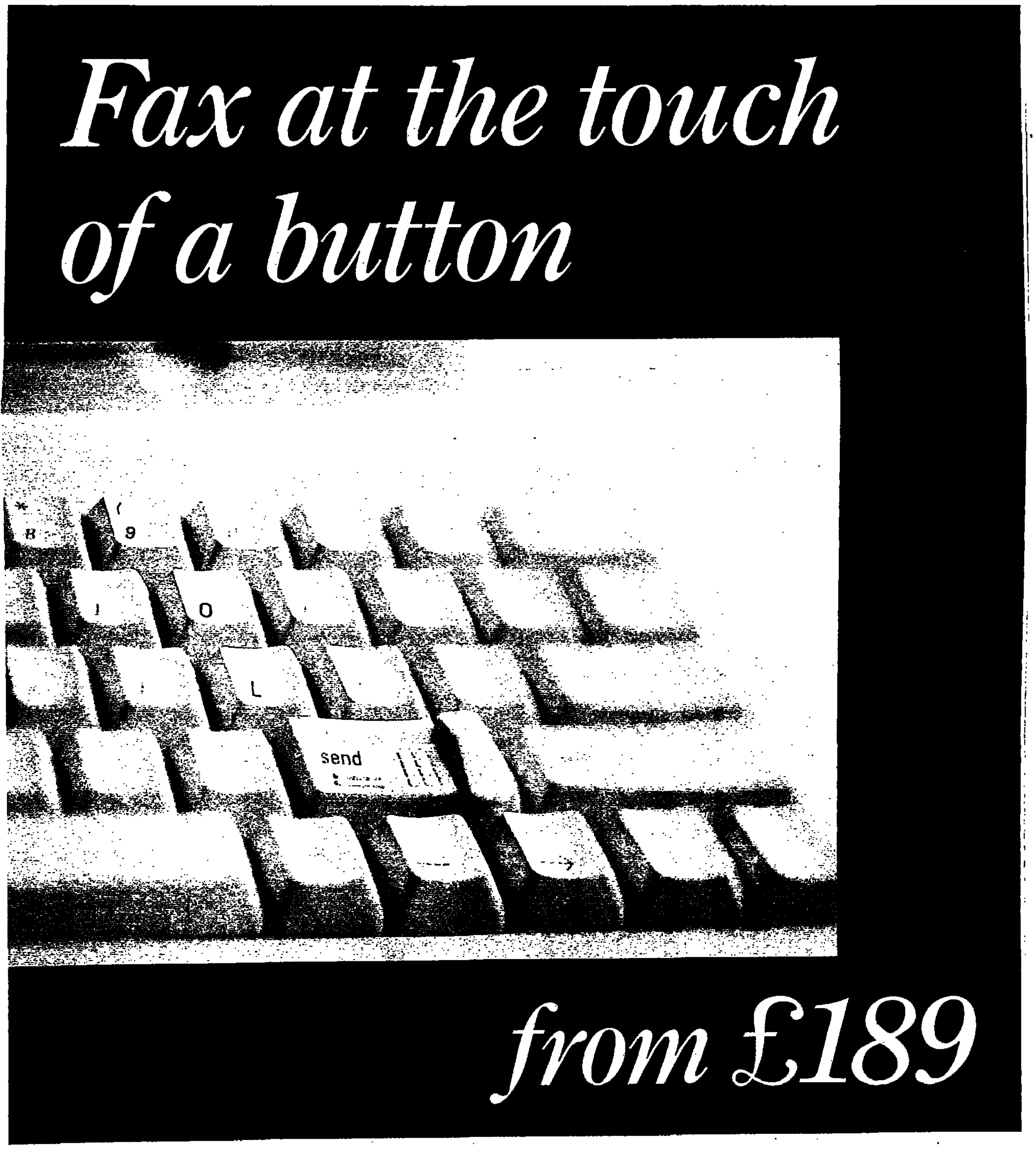

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Bon viveurs of the Stone Age uncorked retsina

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

THE discovery of an ancient retsina has pushed back the origin of wine by 2,000 years. Traces of the wine were found in a fragment of a jar dating from 5,400 to 5,000 BC, when the first human settlements were being established.

The fragment was dug up at a Stone Age site in the Zagros mountains of Iran. Dr Mary Voigt, of William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia, was excavating what appears to have been the kitchen of a square, mud-brick building.

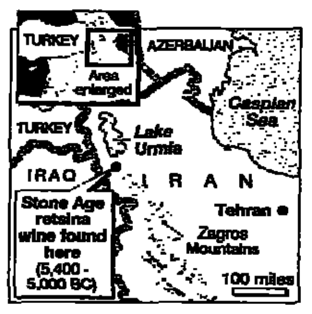
A yellowish residue on the pottery was analysed by Dr Voight and archaeologists from the University of Pennsylvania Museum in Philadelphia. They report in *Nature* that the material contained calcium tartrate and a resin, called terebinth, from a tree belonging to the cashew family.

Tartaric acid occurs commonly only in grapes, the team reports, and was converted into the calcium salt by contact with the soil at the site. The same combination of tartrates and terebinth resin has been found in many ancient amphoras from the Near East, including Egyptian jars known to have contained wine.

The resin would have been added to suppress the bacteria that would otherwise turn wine into vinegar, and to disguise any unpleasant flavours.

The only well-known wine produced today using resin is retsina from Greece, although it is made with resin from a different plant.

The previous oldest wine, found at Godin Tepe, also in the Zagros mountains, was made by the Sumerians in about 3,500 BC. The team at Pennsylvania Museum, led by Dr Patrick McGovern, also carried out the analysis that identified this sample.



As the Sumerians are generally regarded as the vanguard of civilised life — pre-dating the Babylonians, Egyptians and Greeks — the new find implies that wine came before civilisation. Some might argue that the two are synonymous, though not the present rulers of Iran, whose strict Islamic laws forbid drinking. The invention of wine would not have been taxing. The site where the pot was found, which is called Hajji Firuz Tepe, lies within the ancient zone where the wild grape grew and pollen grains from sediment in nearby Lake Urmia show that the source of the resin, *Pistacia atlantica*, also grew there.

Grapes acquire a bloom of yeast as they ripen and to start fermentation it is necessary only to break the skins and allow the yeast to come into contact with the juice. The fact that the residue was found on the side of the jar indicates that it was stored on its side, as are wine bottles today, to keep the stopper damp and seal the contents.

The research team said that the find was particularly significant because of the impact of wine on social customs, religions and economies throughout the world. The Egyptians, who rated wines on a scale of "good", "good good", "good good good" and "sweet", are known to have been producing it by 2,500 BC, and the Ancient Greeks had an active wine trade.

The Romans were responsible for bringing grape cultivation to almost all the regions of Europe famous for wine today.

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COLIN SHEPHERD

Nicola Maynard: working at hospital that treated her

Nicola, 15, as patient

Patient path to medicine

A WOMAN has returned to the hospital that saved her life when she was 15 — this time as a trainee doctor. Nicola Maynard, 21, was motivated to take up a medical career after doctors helped her to overcome leukaemia.

She had plied doctors with questions as she underwent chemotherapy treatment at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Bristol. Miss Maynard, now a third-year clinical medical student of Chulmleigh, Devon, said: "Beating leukaemia and passing my exams gave me the belief in myself that I could become a doctor and help people, as I was helped.

"When I went back to school I worked a lot harder and found I was quite capable and got the A-level grades I needed to do medicine."

Describing the discovery of her illness, she said: "I went for a blood test and was called back to the doctors on the same night. I had four lots of chemotherapy over the next four months."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Archbishop supports £14m centre for Bible

Plans were disclosed yesterday for a £14 million "Bible heritage centre" in York, to be opened in 1999 in what is now a derelict warehouse. Computer technology and film, video and drama displays will bring the Bible to life. The Rev Rob Richards, of St Albans diocese, thought up the idea and heads a consortium of individuals and groups including the Bible Society. The Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope, supports the scheme. A planning application has been submitted to York City Council and funds are being sought.

Heart girl home

Rachel Howker, 11, flew home after having heart surgery in Florida, where she was on a trip to Disney World. She was holding a talking bear, given to her by Tampa Children's Hospital, Orlando, which plays tapes of breathing and physiotherapy exercises.

Player's trial

Kevin Campbell, the Nottingham Forest footballer, chose crown court trial when he appeared before the city's magistrates accused of indecently assaulting a woman aged 21 at a nightclub. His unconditional bail was extended until July 31.

Seventh victim

A seventh member of an Irish family died yesterday from burns received in a house fire last Sunday that killed his mother, two brothers and three sisters. The death of Colm Mayer, 27, was announced at their funeral in Portarlington, Co Laois.

Red not dead

Isle of Wight County Council will sling a rope bridge across a busy road next week to save red squirrels from being run over. The road divides woodland at Ryde that is a haven for some of the 1,500 red squirrels living on the island free from their grey rivals.

Smoke alarm

A 30-mile cloud of smoke caused by a fire in a plastics recycling plant near Milton Keynes drifted low over parts of Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire before breaking up. Police urged people to stay indoors and seek medical help if they felt unwell.

Tourism rises

There were 4.63 million overseas visitors to Britain in the first three months of the year, despite the bad weather and fears about the IRA. The figure was up 8 per cent on the same period last year, raising hopes of a record year in the tourist industry.

Chef supreme

Gerry Galvin, of Drimcong House in Molycullen, Galway, won £1,000 as Guinness Irish Chef of the Year. His winning menu was smoked eel and muscle hotpot, spiced pork roast with apple and thyme cream sauce and tipsy pudding in mulled wine.

Cash for organ

The National Lottery heritage fund is giving £76,000 towards the £500,000 needed to restore an organ that Milton once played and Cromwell listened to. The Milton Organ, built for Magdalen College, Oxford, was installed in Tewkesbury Abbey in 1738.

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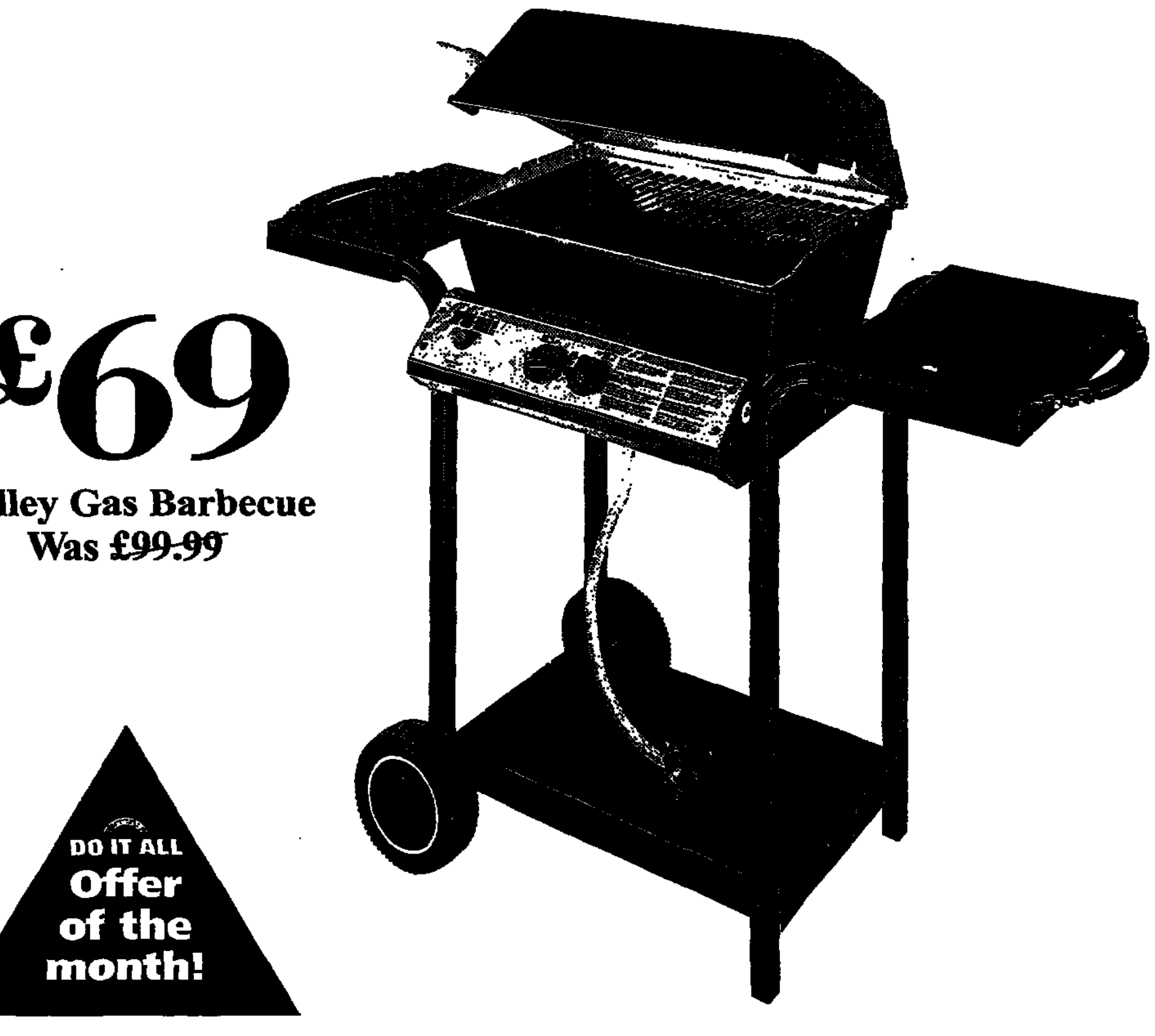

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Family break-up adds to strain on green belt sites

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent

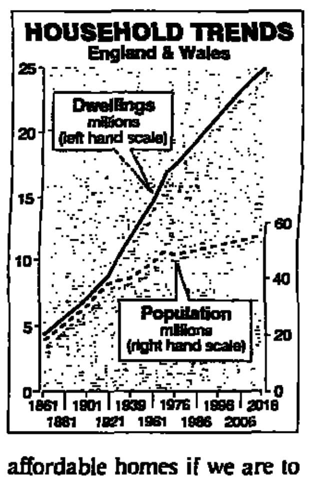
AN AGEING population and the break-up of the family are threatening the landscape of rural England, John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, said yesterday.

Government figures forecast that the number of households will grow by 4.4 million by 2016, leading to millions of new homes being built across the South, Mr Gummer told the Royal Town Planning Institute's annual conference, in Brighton. To meet forecasts, an area larger than greater London would be put under concrete.

Mr Gummer said the environmental threat to areas such as southeast, southern and southwest England, where experts predicted demand would be highest, was significant and needed to be faced now.

Environmental campaigners accused the Government of failing to stimulate building in inner cities or redevelop derelict land. The Government, in its 1995 White Paper *Our Future Homes*, set a target of building half of all new housing on urban land by 2005. Figures released last month show that the target is about to be met nearly ten years ahead of schedule, with 49 per cent of new housing being built on such sites.

Tony Burton, of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said yesterday: "The household projections ... are not a target that has to be met. A new approach to managing housing development is needed which encourages urban renewal and the provision of affordable homes if we are to house the nation and protect the countryside."



He said there were about 800,000 empty homes in England that needed to be used before new homes were built in the countryside and called for greater use of urban land.

Environment Department officials fear that, in the South at least, the level of inner-city sites able to cope with the forecasts for new housing might be insufficient even if planning guidelines are strengthened.

Mr Gummer said population growth had stabilised but the average household was getting smaller. Family breakdown meant that, if trends continued, by 2016 only 20 per cent of households would be married couples with children.

He said planning policies were trying to steer development into inner cities rather than sites on the edge of towns or in the green belt. Environment ministers would raise the issues at centres around the country this year.

New life for man who took hair transplant on the chin

By Jeremy Laurance

A MAN taunted with the nickname Scarface since he was badly burnt in a childhood accident has had a pioneering £4,000 beard transplant to hide his disfigured chin.

Glenn Yates, 32, suggested the idea after seeing adverts for hair transplants for balding men. Yesterday he said: "It's wonderful. My confidence is coming back and I can lead a normal life."

The accident happened when he set a scarf on fire as he played with matches as a four-year-old. He had six months in hospital and two years of operations to graft skin onto his lower face.

"The other kids called me all manner of names," said Mr Yate, a Channel ferry chef. "I left school when I was 16 and thought that things might get better but they didn't. Adults were just as cruel." After qualifying as a chef, he found it difficult to get a job. At one restaurant, the boss told him he would have to see if the waitresses would accept him: "It made me feel like a weirdo and I walked out after a week."

Yates: scarred himself as a four-year-old

After experts said nothing could be done about his scars, he paid for the beard transplant at a Manchester clinic. At first it was not certain whether hairs from the side of his head would grow in the facial scar tissue on his face, but results of the first treatment session were promising. After two years, his beard is almost complete.

Dr Bessam Farjo, who carried out the treatment at the Farjo Medical Centre, said: "No one has ever attempted a beard transplant before. Glenn originally approached us after he saw an advert in a paper for a normal hair transplant."

The procedure involves taking a strip of scalp 1cm wide by 7cm long from the back or side of the head, which yields several hundred grafts. The strip is dissected into grafts 2mm wide, carrying one or two hairs each, which are slotted into tiny incisions in the chin.

Mr Yates has undergone five operations over two years but not all the grafts have taken. He is expected to need another two.

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Police say FA has failed to keep rival Euro 96 fans segregated

By Stewart Tendler

THE police co-ordinator for Euro 96 gave a warning yesterday that control of ticket sales had failed, increasing the risk of clashes in grounds between rival fans.

Malcolm George said it was "of great concern" to police that the rigid segregation of fans originally envisaged did not appear to have materialised. There was also worry about plans by the Football Assocation to sell tickets on match days.

Mr George said there were further worries that the behaviour of the England team on a flight home from the Far East had set a bad example. "Any incident or alleged incident affecting any of the national squads does not reflect well and does not help the situation when it is only days away from the competition."

The FA denied its new policy would affect segregation and said that the only tickets available would be in neutral areas of grounds. Police fear that rival groups of fans could get into these areas. Commanders are also afraid that the new rule on tickets could create unexpected crowd-control problems outside stadiums for officers and stewards. Fans may try to rush the entrances to get to their seats or to climb in if they do not get tickets.

Mr George, Assistant Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, one of eight host cities, said: "It is of great concern to us that segregation as we initially hoped will not be the case. We are concerned that because we support the policy of segregated accommodation the opportunities for free association are significant because of the potential for violence. It means that we have to deploy, we have to be extra vigilant in managing and monitoring."

Mr George said there was anxiety about tickets appearing on the black market. "It means they are accessible to people we do not want there." Detective Chief Inspector Bryan Drew, who heads the football hooligan intelligence operation, said that tickets from other countries that had not taken up their allocations were appearing on the black market. The spare tickets were on offer in Europe and Britain. Police had discovered that Turkish tickets were circulating. Mr George said that talks about controlling ticket sales began two years ago. Police had asked for no tickets to be sold on the day of a game but commercial pressures meant tickets were now going on sale. Segregation made it easier for commanders to manage the crowds, he said. Now forces would have to put more officers into stadiums.

Yesterday the FA said that tickets would be available for sale at grounds in the days before a match for England fans to watch foreign games. No tickets will be sold at the grounds on the day of a game but local clubs can sell tickets on the day from city-centre sites.

Anyone wanting tickets will have to prove their identity and to be resident in Britain. If the ticket-holder or someone with the ticket misbehaves in the ground the police and club will be able to check records and investigate them. There could be instances where a few partisan supporters entered neutral areas of grounds.

An anti-hooligan van with hydraulic cameras that can be raised up to 30ft will be used for the first time in Britain by Greater Manchester Police monitoring Euro 96. The Skyhawk has nine cameras which can film different angles simultaneously. Manchester police will also be authorised to stop and search people. Chief Supt Peter Harris said: "We hope visitors will be able to go about their business in a safe way. But if necessary we will take very positive action."

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Malcolm George: fears that rival fans will gain entry to neutral sections of the match grounds

Women hope to get away from it all

By Russell Jenkins

ONE woman in six who is travelling abroad this weekend has timed her holiday to escape from the saturation television coverage of Euro 96, according to a survey.

The survey, carried out for the travel insurance company Home and Overseas, discloses that many women who would normally travel abroad for their holidays have deliberately chosen the three weeks of the competition. Even more men — one in five, according to the poll — have arranged their holidays so they can stay home and watch the tournament on television.

Sarah Joannides, marketing manager for Home and Overseas, said: "One man's meat is clearly another man's poison. But in either case, Euro 96 could be a real boost for the UK tourist industry, both home and away."

Travel agents will have warned those going abroad that they will have to go a long way for a football-free holiday. The championship is being televised in 190 countries. Thomas Cook advises a cruise in the Norwegian fjords for remoteness and the fact that Norway failed to qualify for the competition. Lunn Poly suggests an Alaskan cruise.

☐ The charter airline Leisure International is to issue cabin staff with handcuffs to restrain violent and drunken passengers this summer.

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England v Switzerland is sold out — unless you can spare £225

By Michael Horsnell
and Ragwald Martel

BLACK-MARKET tickets for England's opening games in the Euro 96 football tournament are being offered for up to £400 a pair. Inquiries by *The Times* confirmed fears that illegal sales could be putting security arrangements at risk.

One tout operating from an office in Southwark said yesterday that this week he had sold his stock of 68 tickets for the opening match between England and Switzerland at Wembley on Saturday, long officially sold out.

The tout earlier offered a pair of tickets with a face value of £55 each for £225 each, and the pair for £400. He said he would be getting a further supply for the match, and that black-market tickets for the other England matches — against Scotland on June 15 and against Holland on June 18 — would be available next week. He did not ask about the nationality of would-be purchasers but said they would be sitting among England supporters.

Other inquiries secured the offer of tickets for £125 for the Switzerland game from an agency advertising in national newspapers; another offered a pair for £325.

Neither of these sources sought to discover the nationality of purchasers. They thus jeopardised plans to segregate supporters. Suppliers are also defying the Euro 96 policy of limiting ticket applications to four per person and of including the holder's name on each ticket.

Police are preparing for the danger that rival fans might be sitting next to each other. Fans have been allowed to buy tickets only from national federations, sitting with fellow nationals. It is not known where the touts are getting their tickets. However, it is believed that surplus tickets are coming from overseas federations and travel operators who cannot dispose of them.

The only legal outlets for tickets in England are the Euro 96 Hotline, the eight grounds staging matches, and corporate hospitality agencies. Of 1.4 million tickets for the tournament, only 140,000 remain unsold. Vetting of ticket applications has led to 2,000 multiple applications being rejected by Euro 96.

Andrew Walpole, a Euro 96 spokesman, said: "There is no widespread black market and recent evidence suggests we have beaten the touts." This year, fewer black-market tickets had been sold at the Cup Final because the police had greater powers, and he was confident about security.

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In the Bill, the wording for the proposed Ballot paper for the referendum is:

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A Referendum is necessary because the leadership of the Labour and Lib-Dem parties embrace, with enthusiasm, the concept of a federal Europe. For its part, the Government, despite its words, has allowed the accelerating transfer of national sovereignty to Brussels. So electors have never been granted a choice.

The government is not credible when it claims that there will be no federal Europe for so long as it is in power.

This is the government that agreed and signed the federalist Treaty of Maastricht and forced it through Parliament. Its members in the European Parliament are allied to a party, the European People’s Party, whose written proposals state: “Our aim is a Union built on the principles of federalism”. In other words, it proposes a federal European superstate.

As Britain’s foremost constitutionalist, A.V. Dicey, wrote: “the main use of the Referendum is to prevent the passing of any important Act which does not command the sanction of the electors”.[2] “The Referendum supplies... the best, if not the only possible, check upon ill-considered alterations in the fundamental institutions of the country”.[3]

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School's slip forces board to issue new A-level paper

BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of A-level chemistry papers have been withdrawn from schools across the country after a teacher let pupils sit the examination early.

An urgent replacement for the one-hour paper was ordered by the University of Oxford Delegacy for Local Examinations after it received seven completed scripts three weeks before the scheduled test date. The teacher at West Denton High School in Newcastle upon Tyne has been suspended while the school investigates.

Jennifer Slater, head of the 600-pupil school, said she would prepare a report for governors who would decide whether the unnamed teacher should be disciplined. The seven students should have taken the chemistry exam on June 14 but instead they were told to sit it on May 21.

The board said the correct date was clearly marked on the envelope containing the papers. It decided to recall the 569 papers sent out to 59 schools to avoid any risk of other candidates learning of the questions in advance. Next year's paper is being sent by special delivery to every centre this week, but the scripts of the West Denton pupils will not be disqualified.

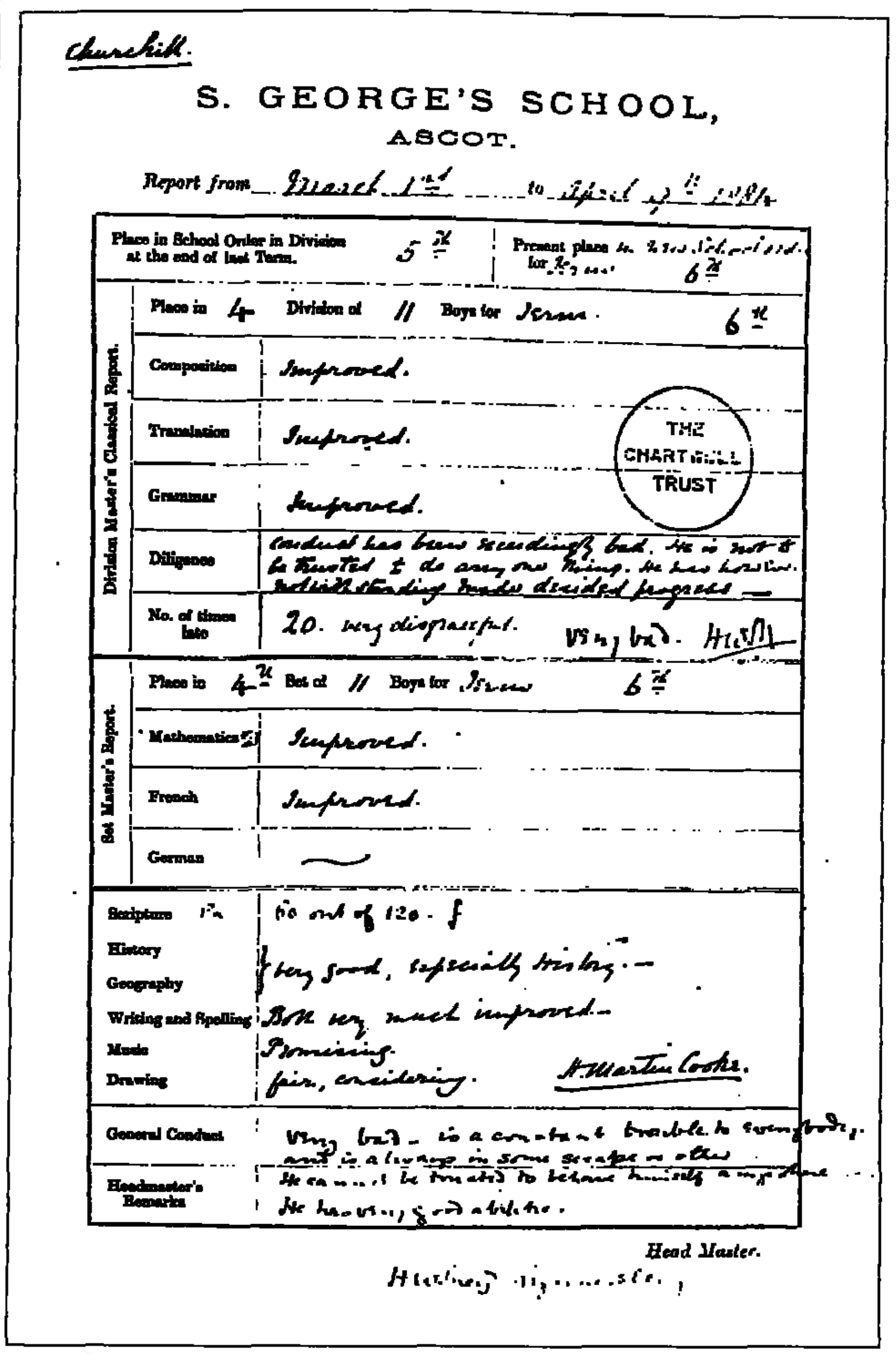
Ms Slater said: "The teacher has been suspended, but that is a normal procedure and you should not read too much into that. I don't think this was a deliberate thing. I think it was more of an accident.

"As far as the students are concerned this is not a bungle. Their exam papers will not be affected. Their performances will not be jeopardised in any way. This is a very tense time for the students and we don't want to add to the pressure they are under."

Ms Slater denied pupils were disadvantaged by the incident. "I accept the students could have lost three weeks of revision time but once they received their exam timetables they revised accordingly. In one sense, taking the paper early may prove a bonus because it now frees them to concentrate on other subjects."

Michael Sharp, director of the examinations board, said: "Although only seven people sat this written part it was seven too many. They could have known people from other schools due to sit the same paper, so we took the decision to recall the papers.

"Next year's exam paper had gone through the evaluation committee stage but had not been printed so we had to instruct the printers to get to work fast. We have had to go to a lot of extra expense."



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THE CHARTWELL TRUST

Conduct exceedingly bad, history especially good: a school report on Churchill

The bad boy who could do better — and did

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE school report on the nine-year-old is scathing. He is described as "very bad . . . a constant trouble to everybody and is always in some scrape or other". The headmaster of St George's School, Ascot, writing in the spring of 1884, adds that the boy "cannot be trusted to behave himself anywhere".

The report is one of the earliest items among 150 documents, letters and photographs illustrating and recording the life of Sir Winston Churchill that go on display today in London. They are a selection from the million items held by the Churchill Archives Centre in Cambridge.

It is the first time most of them have been shown publicly since the collection was acquired for the nation in April last year with the help of a £13,250,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The exhibition will run at the Public Records Office museum in Chancery Lane until October 4.

Exhibits are arranged in chronological order, from Churchill's early childhood and schooldays, through his time as a young soldier, his long and colourful political career, his wartime premiership and his role as elder statesman during the Cold War, to the final pomp of the state funeral in January 1965. They range from the typewritten texts of his wartime speeches to family letters and domestic bills.

Visitors can see his commission by Queen Victoria as a second lieutenant in the 4th Hussars on February 12, 1895, and a telegram from his brother Jack to his mother informing her of Winston's capture after his train was ambushed in South Africa.

Young Winston, at the age of six

After the war his involvement as Home Secretary in the siege of Sidney Street was followed by his role in helping to publish the *British Gazette* during the General Strike.

His marriage to Clementine Hozier and their setting up house at Chartwell, Kent, was an idyllic episode. A letter written to Clementine on their first wedding anniversary describes her as "my lovely white pussy-cat" and hopes that she has had no regrets.

A few months earlier Churchill had received a letter from Lawrence of Arabia, then going under the name of Aircraftman Shaw, protesting at the attentions of the press. Lawrence asked Churchill if an approach could be made to Esmond Harmsworth, the new chairman of the Newspaper Proprietors' Council, adding: "I blacked the eye of one photographer last Sunday and had to escape over the back of the hedge."

In a letter to the Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin, at the time of the Abdication, Churchill relates: "I dined with His Majesty last night . . . HM appeared to be under the very greatest strain and near breaking point. He had two marked and prolonged 'blackouts' in which he completely lost the thread of his conversation."

A letter to Roosevelt in October 1941 predicts that the President has two months of respite in the Far East: "The Jap situation is definitely worse"; Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7.

Some of the more mundane items on show include a 1935 bill from his wine merchants for £256.15s for champagne, port, sherry, brandy, whisky and hock.

A letter to London Zoo expresses thanks for the gift of a lion "on the condition that I do not have to feed it or take care of it. You are quite right in your assumption that I do not want the lion at the moment either at Downing Street or at Chequers, owing to the ministerial calm which prevails there."

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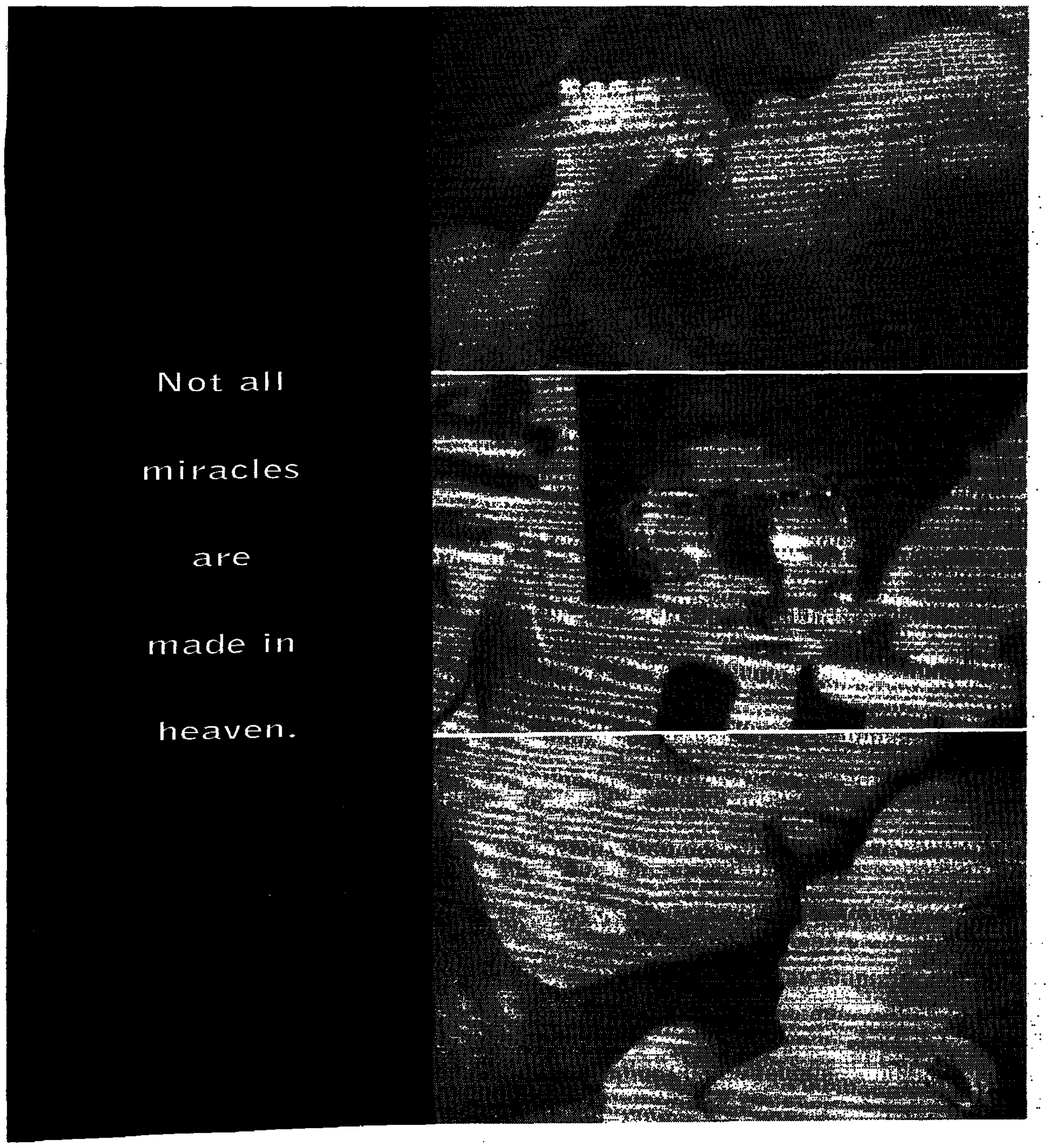

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Bridge transports long-suffering drivers to Severn heaven

By Alan Hamilton

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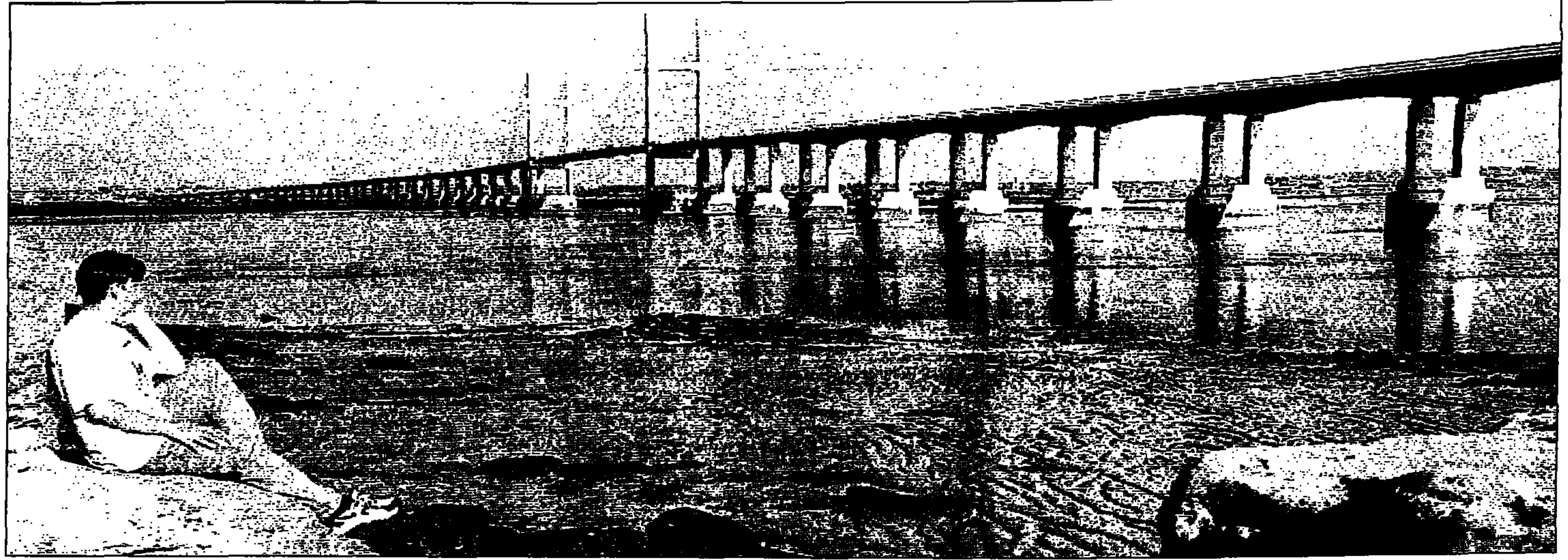


The Second Severn Crossing, which cost £330 million, opens to the public today, four years after construction started. Below, the plaque at the centre of the structure, unveiled by the Prince of Wales

THE Prince of Wales yesterday opened the first bridge linking England directly with his principality, which will shave three miles and much frustration off the journey from London to Cardiff.

Built and operated by an Anglo-French consortium with £330 million of private capital, the Second Severn Crossing was completed on time, within budget and with no loss of life. Described by Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, as a combination of engineering and elegance, the bridge is the longest in Britain at three miles including its approach viaducts.

Nearly three quarters of the traffic crossing the Severn is expected to use the new bridge rather than its 30-year-old upstream sister, which suffers from congestion and closure during high winds. The original bridge, which strictly speaking leaps from one Gloucestershire shore to another before crossing the Wye into Wales, has carried 300 million vehicles.

Police, alerted by the demonstration which drove the Queen out of Aberystwyth last Friday, mounted a huge security operation yesterday and sealed off the bridge on both shores. But in Gwent, where only 2 per cent of the population are Welsh speakers, there was little sign of nationalist fervour, only a low grumbling about the tolls.

Old and new Severn bridges charge £3.80 for a car and £11.50 for a lorry to enter Wales, although the return to England is free. The crossing is the third most expensive in Britain after the Humber and Skye bridges.

No one was able to think of a suitable name for the bridge and it is stuck for good with its working title. A Welsh suggestion that it be named *Ail Bont Hafren* (Severn Island Bridge), because some of the piers of the viaducts rest on the English Stones reef, failed to catch on.

Yesterday, to the accompaniment of cheers from hundreds of children and a 21-gun salute, the Prince first cut a ribbon at the English abutment. At the centre of the bridge he unveiled a commemorative plaque in English and Welsh before an identical ribbon-cutting at the Welsh abutment. At both ceremonies the national anthem and the children's flags were identical; *Land Of My Fathers* was not played, and the only Welsh dragon was the official one flying beside the Union flag and the construction company's flag in the centre of the structure.

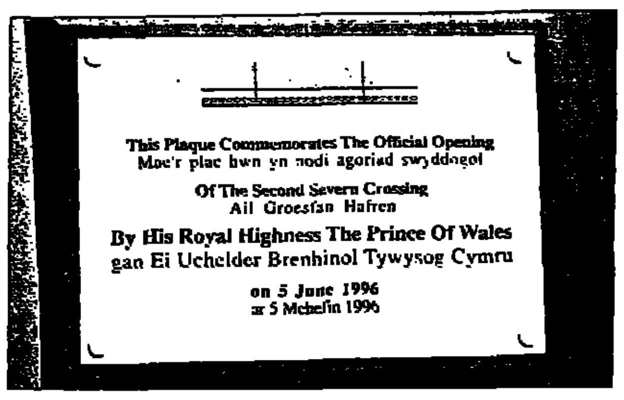
In what may be seen as a minor concession, the toll booths on the new bridge, unlike the old, are situated on the Welsh side.

The elegance of the new bridge cannot conceal some failings in the project. The M49 loop, which will link the M5 to the M4 at the bridge and bring Cardiff 13 miles nearer to Bristol, is behind schedule and will not open until the end of this month.

Motoring organisations are also unhappy at the steep tolls. The RAC said yesterday that the bridge would do nothing to stop the 1,000 vehicles a day, mostly heavy lorries, that enter Wales by the byways of Gloucestershire to avoid paying tolls.

The bridge was due to open to the public in the early hours of this morning after workmen had painted white lines at the new junctions. Almost the last, and certainly the smallest, construction bill was paid by the Prince who, on being handed the ceremonial scissors by two local children, gave them each a penny in an ancient tradition that is said to prevent the recipient from being stabbed.

The French, equal partners in the project, hardly got a look-in yesterday. The Prince led dignitaries to a marquee where they toasted the opening in Welsh sparkling wine from the most northerly chardonnay vineyard, a grape picker's spit from the bridge.



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University board backs tobacco sponsorship

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

SENIOR academics at Cambridge University have recommended accepting a £1.6 million donation from one of the world's biggest tobacco firms, but dons will make the final decision.

Next month 3,300 staff are to vote on whether a chair in international relations should be established in the name of Sir Patrick Sheehy, former chairman of BAT Industries.

Sir David Williams, Cambridge's Vice-Chancellor, has received almost 200 objections from health campaigners outside the university. Several prominent academics, including the university's senior medical academic, Sir Keith Peters, the Professor of Physic, lodged personal complaints at a meeting last week.

The university announced yesterday that its General Board had "no hesitation" in recommending acceptance of the offer but said: "Acceptance was not and is not seen as constituting any endorsement of the products or the corporate policies of the company."

The official account in the Cambridge University Reporter explains that the Centre for International Studies was in the process of seeking funds for a professorship and for strengthening its academic activities: "The offer of funding from BAT Industries was therefore very opportune at a time when the board have many competing claims from faculties and departments."

During last week's meeting, Sir Keith said: "Tobacco is a major health problem in all countries and control of cigarette smoking is the single most powerful opportunity for preventative medicine in the developed world. I greatly regret that I seem to be opposing the acquisition of funds which will benefit as worthy a cause as international relations. I would have warmly welcomed funding for this cause, but in my judgment the cost to the university is too great."

The chair would be named after Sir Patrick to mark his retirement as chairman of BAT Industries and pay tribute to his support of Cambridge University. The company's current chairman, Lord Cairns, said: "The board is delighted to be able to honour Pat Sheehy's immense achievements in this way, especially given his many contributions in the field of international relations and the role he played in saving the Royal Commonwealth Society Library and transferring it to Cambridge."

Dons vote on about five issues a year, but normally ballots are held only when a formal request has been made. The university council has decided to short-circuit the process this time because of the strength of feeling on the issue. The result should be known on July 19.

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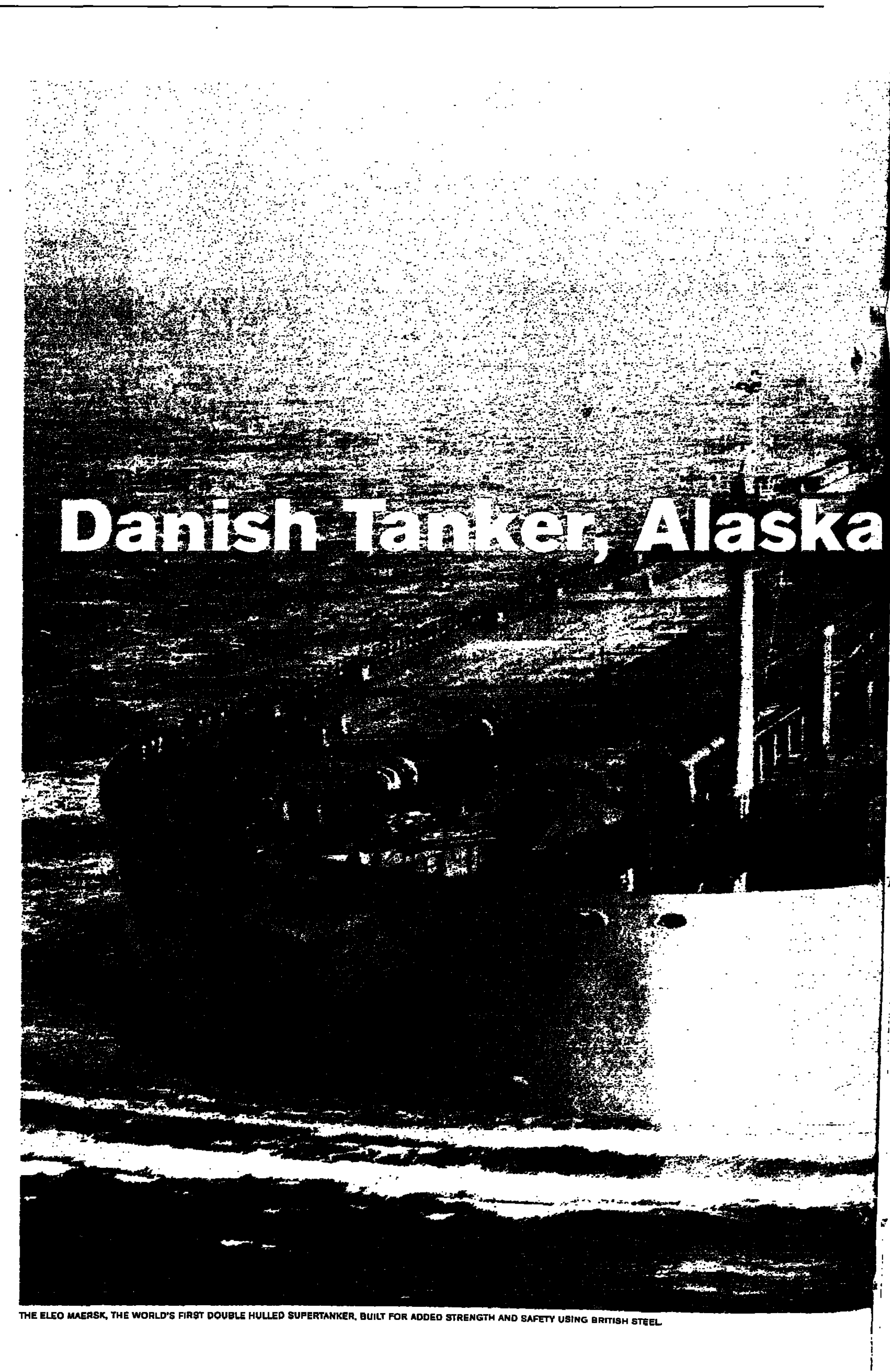

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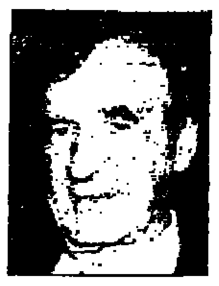

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Drought-plagued water company raises profits 14.2%

Yorkshire in £140m share buyback plea

By Christine Buckley

YORKSHIRE Water, which has been severely criticised for not investing more on improving water supply to customers, is to seek fresh approval to spend at least £140 million on a share buyback.

Yorkshire's plans to secure the consent of shareholders to buy back up to 10 per cent of its shares were disclosed as the company reported a 14.2 per cent rise in annual profits and increased dividends by 12.2 per cent.

The company, which came under sustained attack last year for mishandling the summer drought, made £162.2 million in pre-tax profits in the year to March 31against £142 million in the previous year.

Labour savaged Yorkshire, claiming it was raking in profits while delivering an appalling performance. Frank Dobson, Shadow Environment Secretary, said: "Under this Government, the privatised companies are allowed to get away with anything — rip off customers, leak one-third of their water, damage the environment — yet they're not properly regulated and they pay next to no tax."

Earlier this week Ofwat, the water industry regulator, imposed a price cap on Yorkshire as punishment for its poor customer record. The share buyback scheme will anger consumers who feel the money might be better spent on improving water supply.

Yesterday, Brandon Gough, Yorkshire's new chairman, said that a share buyback would not be launched at the moment because of customer considerations. "We thought it wasn't appropriate to do so today. The principle aim is to restore customer confidence." Mr Gough joined the company six weeks ago.

Brian Wilson, finance director, said a buyback within the next month would be "heroic in the extreme". But he indicated that if customer confidence was restored this year a buyback could then proceed.

Yorkshire Water, which has one of the worst leakage rates in the country, is to invest an extra £12 million this year in leakage detection. Although it spent £47 million last year on the tankering operation from the Tees to Yorkshire, the company denied that the leakage spend was small.

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Kevin Bond, head of water services, said that the company would only reduce leakage "to a level at which it is economic to do so". He said: "We need to understand leaks more before we assign more money. The level of understanding in the industry is quite low." The company's current leakage is 29 per cent but Mr Bond said it will be reduced substantially when this year's figure is reported later this year.

The company is estimating a current rate of 26 per cent. Ofwat's target is 24 per cent, which would represent leakage from the system of less than 370 mega litres a day. A million gallons is equal to 4.5 mega litres.

The company pledged to deliver dividend growth of between 6 per cent and 8 per cent and said it would use debt to fund some dividend payment. The company has gearing of 12 per cent but said it wanted to raise the level to between 30 per cent and 40 per cent over the next few years.

The dividend payment this year has been lifted 12.3 per cent, taking the total to 31p. Its long term plans are to reduce dividend cover from three times to two times.

The company acknowledged that failure last year had resulted in a poor public perception.

Mr Bond said that Yorkshire agreed with much of the sharply critical Ofwat report into its conduct during the drought and that of its own, independently conducted, inquiry. He said the company had learned from its failures and was able to guarantee supplies this year even if rainfall is less than in 1995.

The regulator's report into the company's conduct resulted in a two-year price cap starting next year, which means it can raise its prices to domestic customers onlyby the rate of inflation. At present it is able to impose prices at the rate of inflation plus 2.5 points.

IBCA, the European credit rating agency, has put Yorkshire's short-term rating of A1 plus and long-term rating of AA minus on watch with negative implications because of the regulator's move.

Yorkshire has injected £170 million into improving river supplies from the north and enabling pump transference of water from east to west in the region.

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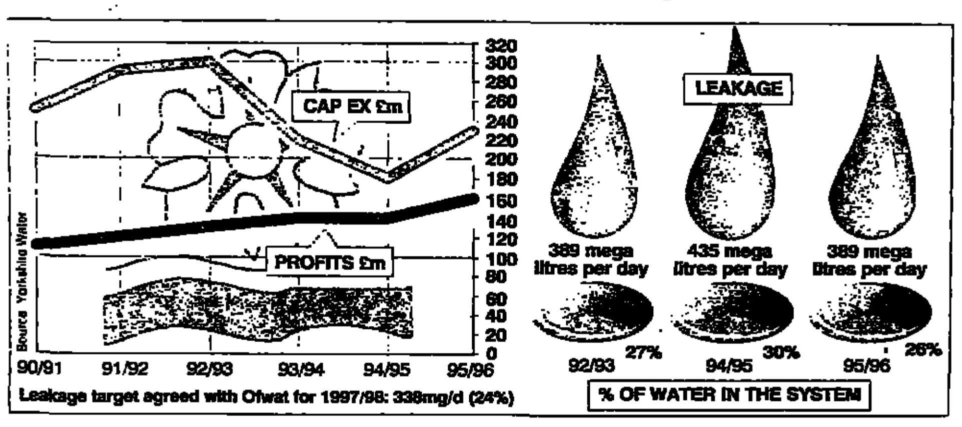
Brandon Gough, chairman, said the principle aim was to improve customer confidence



Leakage target agreed with Ofwat for 1997/98: 338mg/d (24%)

BBA bid interest in Lucas threatens Varity tie

By Alasdair Murray

BBA GROUP, the engineering company, looks set to launch a takeover bid worth up to £2.65 billion for Lucas Industries, which could scupper the planned Lucas merger with Varity Corporation.

In a Stock Exchange announcement yesterday, BBA admitted that it was interested in bidding for Lucas. But there was also continuing speculation that another party might enter the fray, with Landesmann and Linde, two German companies, tipped to launch a counter-bid. Siemens, also from Germany, has ruled itself out of any bid.

Lucas immediately claimed a bid from BBA offered no industrial logic and would overstretch that company's financial resources. Concerns over BBA's ability to fund a deal caused its shares to fall 21½p to 295½p, while Lucas shares rose 8p to 254p. BBA is valued at £1.2 billion, little more than half of Lucas's £2.2 billion market capitalisation.

An all-shares bid is unlikely to find favour with the City, putting pressure on BBA to offer a mixture of cash-and-shares worth between 270p and 300p per Lucas share.

The £3.2 billion Lucas-Varity tie-up, which was announced last Friday, had received strong support from the City. But analysts believe the 15 major institutions that control around 60 per cent of Lucas's share capital could still be swung by a good bid premium.

BBA are likely to emphasise the advantages of a merger between its friction-braking division and Lucas's braking business.

There has been speculation that BBA will sell Lucas's aerospace and electrical divisions to raise around £600 million to help to fund the bid.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3753.4	(-1.8)
Yield	4.04%	
FT-SE A All share	1885.49	(-1.60)
Nikkei	21881.43	(-23 31)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5666.08	(+0.37)*
S&P Composite	672.96	(+0.40)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 5/16%*	(5%)
Long Bond	87 11/32*	(87 1/2)
Yield	7.00%*	(7 00%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 1/16%	(6 1/16%)
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New York:		
$	1.5477*	(1.5491)
London:		
$	1.5482	(1.5499)
DM	2.3675	(2.3741)
FFr	8.0246	(8.0376)
SFr	1.9430	(1.9483)
Yen	168.51	(168.98)
£ Index	86.4	(86.5)

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London:		
DM	1.5307*	(1.5306)
FFr	5.1865*	(5.1845)
SFr	1.2564*	(1.2575)
Yen	108.85*	(108.85)
$ Index	97.2	(97.3)

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Brent 15-day (Aug)	$17.50	($17.95)

GOLD

London close	$387.65	($389.95)

* denotes midday trading price

Interest rate change unlikely

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, met Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England yesterday to discuss interest rates. Few in the City are expecting the Bank to signal a change in rates today. The meeting went on for longer than normal — one and a half hours — prompting some speculation that the two cannot agree on policy. But it is as likely to reflect the difficulty of judging the direction of the economy at a time when manufacturing is very weak but consumer sectors are picking up. The Chancellor is to meet his advisers soon to discuss the economic outlook.

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Sears report under fire for 'inaccuracies' on Facia

By Jason Nissé

THE board of Sears, the retail group, is to come under pressure from institutional shareholders angry about perceived inaccuracies in its annual report. .

These relate to the relationship of Sears with Stephen Hinchliffe's Facia Group, which collapsed over the weekend. Sears sold five shoe chains to Facia, incurring a loss of £54.2 million, and has made a further £25 million provison to cover the group's collapse.

The Sears report reached shareholders on Friday, the day Facia was put into administration. It was printed on the Wednesday, six days after Sears started talking to Alan Barrett, an insolvency partner at Price Waterhouse, about pulling the plug on Facia.

Leading investors are pointing to three statements in the accounts, audited by Price Waterhouse, which charged £900,000 for the audit.

In his review, David Defty, finance director, says: "Sears has sold Freeman Hardy Willis, Trueform, Manfield, Saxone [and] Curtess . . . eliminating our exposure to losses in these businesses." In the notes to the accounts, Sears refers to those businesses as "sold" in note 3 and in note 20 as "disposed of".

One leading shareholder told *The Times*: "These are not precise statements. One starts wondering what else might not be precise."

Mr Defty defended the accounts, saying they were signed off by the auditors on May 15 and Sears only became concerned that Facia may be hitting problems after reports that Mr Hinchliffe may be investigated by the Department of Trade and Industry, which did not appear until the next weekend.

He said the question of withdrawing or amending the accounts did not arise becuase the auditors would not have allowed it.

Mr Defty did admit that, on 15 May, Facia owed Sears £5.5 million, of which £800,000 was overdue. This came from the supply contract between the two companies which led to Sears providing much of Facia's management services.

The accounts are for the year to January 31. The sale of Saxone did not take place until February 3. Mr Defty said that including the sale in a year that had ended four days previously was "an accounting convention which everybody understands".

Littlechild puts hitch in Energy flotation

By Christine Buckley

ADVISERS to the £1.5 billion-plus flotation of British Energy may be forced to rewrite the nuclear power operator's pathfinder prospectus just days before its publication after a surprise intervention from the industry regulator.

The prospectus, to be published on Monday, may have to be reworded as lawyers for British Energy determine the implications of Professor Stephen Littlechild's proposal to reduce prices to Scottish consumers and other suppliers.

Professor Littlechild's statement, which calls on Scottish Power and Hydro-Electric to cut electricity prices and ease the entry of newcomers into the Scottish market, has been challenged by the companies. They say his statement means the nuclear energy agreement, which obliges them to buy electricity from Scottish Nuclear at predetermined prices, must be rewritten.

The news comes a day after it emerged that Professor Littlechild will be subjected to a gagging order for four months after the nuclear sale to protect the share price from regulatory moves.

The nuclear energy agreement between Scottish Power, Hydro-Electric and Scottish Nuclear — owned by British Energy — accounts for half of the energy market in Scotland.

Professor Littlechild has ordered a cut in Scottish Power and Hydro-Electric prices. The English and Welsh generators and regional electricity companies have less than 10 per cent of the competitive industrial market, which they blame on the inability to buy electricity cheaply.

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Courtaulds Textiles chief forced to quit

By Jon Ashworth

Jervis: "change of leadership"

NOEL JERVIS has been forced to step down as chief executive of Courtaulds Textiles, the clothing and fabric manufacturer which supplies Marks and Spencer. The move, which caught the City unawares, comes after two profits warnings in five months, and could leave Mr Jervis, 51, in line for £500,000 in compensation.

Discussions over Mr Jervis's future came to a head this week. He left the company yesterday, and was not available for comment. His removal was agreed individually with each of the company's directors, and the matter was not put to the vote. His successor is Colin Dyer, 43, who has been responsible for branded and own-label clothing.

John Eccles, chairman, confirmed that Mr Jervis had not left voluntarily, saying: "He has been going along at a great pace, and would have liked to have continued. Captains get changed from time to time. We needed a change of leadership."

Mr Eccles telephoned institutional investors to break the news, which was announced in a terse statement shortly before 4pm. Shares in Courtaulds Textiles closed 1p lower at 378p.

Mr Eccles said: "Life has been tightening up on textile companies and not getting any easier. To have good ideas and good strategies is fine, but you really have to get on with that a bit faster."

Steps to remove Mr Jervis began early in May, soon after the company gave warning of a "substantial" fall in first-half profits. The shares fell 45p to 373p on the news, which was blamed on difficult trading conditions in America. About 700 UK jobs have been lost since the company issued its first profits warning in December. Courtaulds said strategy would remain unchanged, but the pace of progress would be accelerated.

Mr Jervis had spent 32 years with the company, and was made chief executive in January 1994. He was on a base salary of up to £250,000, fixed on a two-year rolling contract, leaving him eligible for compensation of up to £500,000, on which an announcement will be made in due course.

CBI criticises 'semi-detached' role of British Government in Europe

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BUSINESS leaders yesterday attacked the UK's "semi-detached" role in Europe, and insisted that business needed Britain to be at the heart of the European Union.

In a series of strongly pro-European statements, leaders of the Confederation of British Industry vigorously put the case from business for the UK to play a full part in Europe.

While some business leaders maintain that the CBI's strongly pro-European stance does not fully reflect British business opinion — especially small business — CBI leaders attacked the "hostile attitude" to Europe of some politicians and parts of the media.

The CBI is to poll members again on their attitude to Europe, which will be a central feature of its annual conference in Harrogate this year.

Niall FitzGerald, chairman designate of Unilever and chairman of the CBI's Europe committee, ridiculed claims that Britain would be better off withdrawing, insisting that "careless talk of Britain leaving the EU will cost jobs".

He told the launch in London of the CBI's new Business in Europe campaign: "The UK's increasingly semi-detached role in Europe is ironic, because we are winning the debates on competitiveness, on deregulation and the continued opening-up of the single market. There is a grave risk that we will be sacrificing these hard-won gains as we pander, for cheap cheers, to those who regret the passing of Victorian Britain."

Mr FitzGerald led the CBI's call for an early end to the Government's policy of non-co-operation in Europe.

The CBI's statement marked a significant about-turn for the confederation, which two weeks ago was insisting publicly that the Government's policy would not harm business in the UK. Sir Colin Marshall, the CBI's new president, dismissed it then as a "spat", provoking private concern among CBI leaders that such a response, while supportive of the Government, might not accurately be reflecting the full range of British business views.

But yesterday he recanted publicly, endorsing Mr FitzGerald's consistent line, and said he was not talking about the past, but looking forward to the future of Europe.

Sir David Simon, chairman of BP, fully welcomed the creation of a single currency across Europe, while Sir Iain Vallance, chairman of BT, insisted that Europe was the "home market" not just for BT but for much of British industry.

☐ The CBI yesterday published a new statement on Europe in the form of a business agenda for the InterGovermental Conference, insisting that Europe's competitiveness had to be at the centre of any decisions made about the EU's future.

Repossessions increase as profits soar at Nationwide

By Anne Ashworth

REPOSSESSIONS by Nationwide Building Society rose by 18 per cent in the last financial year, even though the country's fourth-largest mortgage lender enjoyed a 33 per cent rise in pre-tax profits.

Nationwide, one of the few leading building societies to reject a stock market flotation or takeover, and now a staunch defender of mutuality, refused to disclose the number of properties involved, claiming the information was commercially sensitive.

The society's tougher stance on repossessions comes against an improving outlook for house prices. Last week the Nationwide's own monthly survey claimed that prices were at their highest level since December 1991.

Brian Davis, Nationwide's chief executive, explained that many of the loans that had gone bad were made in the late Eighties, before the society moved to make its lending criteria more rigorous.

He did not envisage a similar increase in repossessions in the current financial year because rising house prices encourage borrowers to stay in their homes and repay their debts.

Mr Davis was reporting an increase in the society's profits to £459.3 million from £345.4 million, a larger-than-expected rise. Gross assets increased by 7.4 per cent to £38.38 billion.

The cost-to-income ratio, a key measure of building society efficiency, improved for the eighth successive year, from 48.1 per cent to 44.5 per cent. Reinforcing the society's view that repossessions will be falling in the future was a 30 per cent decline in the total of mortgage accounts more than 12 months in arrears.

☐ West Bromwich Building Society, which claims to be determinedly independent despite a recent merger approach from its larger neighbour, Birmingham Midshires, reported an 82 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £9 million to £16.5 million. A spokesman attributed the rise to increased efficiency. Lending was up 17 per cent to £257 million.

The society, the 18th-largest, continues to face claims arising from home income plans for the elderly sold in the Eighties. These cases will go to court next year.

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United MAI casts eye at Blenheim

By Jason Nissé

UNITED MAI, the media group, is in talks with Blenheim Group about an offer for the exhibitions company, valuing it at more than £500 million.

The announcement of a potential offer sent Blenheim shares up 70p to 409p yesterday.

This compares with a low of 174p in early 1995 when the company was hit by profit warnings.

However, a source close to Neville Buch, the chairman of Blenheim, said that he would not agree to a price of anything less than 500p a share, valuing the group at £500 million.

That would deliver to Mr Buch a personal fortune of £26.6 million and would give the Ianuzzi family a windfall of £59 million.

Another director, Pierre Lecetre, who runs the French business, would receive £19 million.

United MAI would not confirm that it was the bidder, but its name was the only one mentioned at Blenheim's west London headquarters yesterday.

Other interested parties, including Reed Elsevier, Emap and Euromoney, are watching the situation closely, but none is expected to make an aggressive bid.

United MAI is known to have been stalking Blenheim for more than two years.

In that time, Blenheim has fallen from grace in the City, where it was once one of the market's darlings. A series of profit warnings led to the ousting of Phillip Soar as the chief executive in March 1994.

However, under Stefan Svenby, the company's Swedish-born chief executive, Blenheim has rebuilt its profits and reputation.

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PETER TRIEVNOR

Shanks and McEwen's Michael Averill, right, and David Downes saw improved results

Lean spell ends at Shanks & McEwan

By Paul Durman

AN UPBEAT Shanks & McEwan reported a 34 per cent improvement in its annual pre-tax profits, reaching a total of £19.5 million. Michael Averill, chief executive of the waste management group, said he was very pleased with the results after several difficult years.

Much of the advance came from the sale of the loss-making construction business, which was based in Glasgow. Although the group lost £4.4 million on the disposal, the bulk of this was covered by a previously made provision. Before exceptionals, group profits rose by a more modest 20 per cent.

The main waste business made a profit of £22.1 million (£21.5 million). Mr Averill said the company sacrificed sales, which fell marginally to £95.7 million, to implement "quite aggressive" price rises. It also absorbed £4 million of costs mainly relating to expensive landfill space acquired from Hanson in 1993, and overcame the impact of bad weather.

Rechem, the group's hazardous waste incinerator, has returned to profit, making £418,000 (£388,000 loss) despite a lack of help from Government policy. Mr Averill was encouraged by recent Government proposals on the import and export of waste, but does not expect a new waste disposal regime to be in place for another two years.

Shanks & McEwan, whose finance director is David Downes, expects to be able to pass on to its customers the landfill tax that the Government will impose from October. A final dividend of 2.4p increases the total to 3.6p a share, a 9 per cent increase.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hillsdown seeks pension fund ruling

HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS, the food group, yesterday sought a High Court ruling that it did not act unlawfully in taking an £18.4 million surplus from the pension fund of a meat processing company taken over by the group 13 years ago. Hillsdown is appealing against a decision by Julian Farrand, the Pensions Ombudsman, that it acted in breach of trust and must repay the money, with interest, to the FMC pension fund.

FMC was taken over by Hillsdown in 1983. In a series of transactions, the assets of the FMC pension scheme were transferred by its trustees to a Hillsdown fund that used £1.5 million to improve the benefits payable to 2,000 FMC pensioners while the surplus of £18.4 million was paid to Hillsdown. The ombudsman intervened after complaints from pensioners, including Robert Burt and Alan Bothwell, who say the money should have gone to scheme members. The appeal hearing, set for three days, continues today.

EU ship subsidy upheld

A EUROPEAN UNION court has dismissed a request by Kahn Scheepvaart BV, a Dutch subsidiary of Jumbo Shipping of Switzerland, to annul a 1994 EU decision to clear a German shipbuilding subsidy scheme. The ruling is a major setback for the Dutch company and other European shipbuilders fighting state aid to the sector in Germany. The European Court of First Instance said the scheme was a general one and that Kahn Scheepvaart, whose main activity is the lifting and carriage by sea of heavy loads, was not individually affected.

ABC to boost ratings

ABC Television Network, which is owned by Walt Disney, is launching a multimillion-dollar marketing plan to restore ABC's ratings in America. Alan Cohen, executive president of ABC Marketing, said Disney would throw its vast marketing weight behind the ABC name, putting the logo into its stores, publications and onto licensed products, and put ABC videos in its 14,000 hotel rooms. The network is planning bigger promotions, involving new colours, new music and more stars. "ABC will be everywhere. No network will have the power of Disney. It's a marketing executive's dream," Mr Cohen said.

IRI back in the black

IRI, Italy's state-owned industrial holding company, returned to profit in 1995 after four years of losses, but any joy about improved results was dampened by worries over the firm's debts. IRI reported a 638 billion lire (£267 million) consolidated profit last year after a 364 billion lire loss in 1994. The company has promised the European Union it will drastically cut its debt by the end of the year. But the board said the only way it could do this was by selling its majority stake in Stet, the telecommunications giant, a complex privatisation that ministers say will take time to achieve.

VSEL 'building at loss'

THE first merchant ships to be built at Barrow for 30 years are being constructed at a loss, VSEL, the shipbuilding company, has said in a message to its workers during current pay negotiations. The yard, until recently, was mainly devoted to the construction of nuclear submarines and is diversifying. It is building two double-skinned coastal tankers at a cost of £15 million for a local shipping operator, James Fisher. The experience, the company says, will help it to win further similar orders and it is confident of doing so.

Eastern Group expands

EASTERN GROUP, the regional electricity company owned by Hanson, will become the fourth largest generator at the end of the month after the Government agreed to it buying power stations with an output of 4,000 megawatts from National Power. The agreement is expected to trigger a similar move by PowerGen. Eastern also has an agreement with PowerGen to buy plant with an output of 2,000 megawatts, but the deal has been delayed while the generator has tried to prise guidelines from the industry regulator.

Power bid approved

THE TAKEOVER of Midlands Electricity by General Public Utilities of New Jersey and Cinergy of Ohio has been approved by the Government. The US utilities jumped in to bid for Midlands after Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, blocked a takeover move for the regional electricity company by PowerGen. GPU and Cinergy, which launched a £1.73 billion agreed bid for Midlands last month, yesterday bought more shares in the market to give them a 77 per cent controlling holding of the company.

PowerGen buyback

POWERGEN yesterday completed the share buy-back programme it set in train last month after selling its 21 per cent stake in Midlands Electricity, the regional electricity company. The company then said that it would buy back 10 per cent of its equity and bought 4.8 per cent shortly after announcing its annual results. Yesterday it spent £181 million buying 37.5 million shares. The shares, representing 5.32 per cent of the company's equity, have been cancelled.

Opec delay over Iraq

OPEC oil ministers officially opened their regular half-yearly meeting in Vienna yesterday but adjourned almost immmediately until today to allow continued consultations on Iraq's partial return to the oil market. An Opec spokesman announced the adjournment shortly after Algeria's Ammar Makhloufi, the current organization president, read out his opening speech. Opec sources said the postponement reflected differences over how to handle the new situation arising from Iraq's food-for-oil deal with the United Nations.

DTI set to study Fortuna Alliance

By Robert Miller

THE Department of Trade and Industry is expected to launch a formal investigation into Fortuna Alliance, an alleged high-tech global pyramid-selling scheme on the Internet that is believed to have attracted as much as £40 million.

The American Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has already moved to have the operation closed down through the federal courts and has been granted an order temporarily freezing Fortuna's assets and halting the scheme until an application to extend the ban is heard next Monday.

The British authorities' decision to act came after it emerged that UK investors, who have handed over drafts and cheques of between £180 and £1,500 each, have signed up to the scheme, described by the FTC as "an electronic version of a chain letter".

The Securities and Investments Board, the UK's chief City watchdog, last night said it was "aware of the company".

The FTC yesterday said that it believed that Fortuna had taken £4 million from investors, of which a large proportion had been put in a bank in Antigua. It is believed that other funds have been used to buy land, possibly in Central America. One member, however, said that the figure was probably nearer £40 million.

The US watchdog said that it had been contacted by people from as far apart as New Zealand and Canada. Members who sign up to the scheme are told that their initial investment will lead to a monthly profit of £3,000.

British Gas awaits fresh price review

BRITISH GAS is bracing itself today for its second price review in a month when Clare Spottiswoode, the industry regulator, announces the price regime for its domestic gas supply business.

The review will cover British Gas Energy, the part of the company that supplies UK households and which is set to be demerged from TransCo, the pipeline and transport business, next year. A tough review would force the company to cut gas bills and would further cut the company's share price.

Last month Ofgas proposed a review of TransCo's prices, which it said would cut £30 off the average gas bill but which British Gas said would put up to 10,000 jobs at risk. However, the City is expecting the British Gas Energy review will be less severe.

German GDP's three-year low

From Reuter in Germany

GERMAN gross domestic product fell by half a percentage point in the first quarter of 1996, its worst performance in three years, the Federal Statistics Office reported yesterday.

However, industrial production rose strongly in April, the economics ministry said, reflecting a belief among economists and the Bonn government that recovery is in sight despite two successive weak quarters.

The 0.5 point fall in first-quarter GDP from 1995's fourth quarter was in line with economists' forecasts and past hints from the government. The office revised the fourth quarter figure to unchanged, from a 0.5 per cent fall.

The office's figures are, however, rounded to the nearest half percentage point. Bundesbank data later showed that GDP fell by 0.4 per cent in the first quarter and by 0.2 per cent in the fourth quarter, meaning that Germany was in recession by the Anglo-Saxon definition. GDP was up by just 0.3 per cent in the first quarter from the same year-earlier period, the weakest rise for two years.

"The primary reason for the weak economic growth in the first quarter was an 11.8 per cent year-on-year fall in construction output, partly caused by the weather," the office said. Construction was down 7.5 per cent quarter-on-quarter.

GDP in west Germany was unchanged in the first quarter, from the fourth, but it fell by 2.5 per cent in the east.

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Strike-free year in coal mining for first time

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BRITAIN'S coal mining industry was strike-free for the first time last year, new government figures show today.

Even so, Britain lost 50 per cent more working days through strikes in 1995 in a sharp reverse of falling strike trends.

Ministers will claim the disappearance of strikes in coal mining in its first year in the private sector is a tribute to the Government's policy of privatisation. It has traditionally been one of Britain's most strike-prone industries, but for the first time since official figures began a century ago, official strike data show no working days lost through strikes in coal.

By contrast, the 1984-85 miners' strike caused the loss of 26.4 million working days — three fifths and two fifths respectively of the entire total of strike days in the two years. The end of strikes in coal mining, in the first year since the industry was privatised in December 1994, marks a significant shift in British industrial relations and the UK's pattern of strikes.

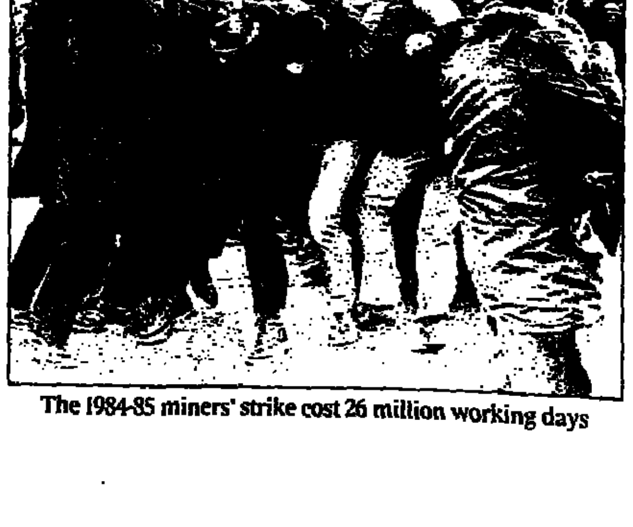
Overall, Britain lost 415,000 working days through strikes in 1995 compared with 278,000 in the previous year, according to the Government's Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Whitehall officials and ministers emphasised that the 1994 strike total was the lowest in the UK's history, and that 1995's figure is still historically low — 16 times lower than the annual average of 6.7 million days over the past 20 years.

The figures come as the Post Office prepares for what could be the first national strike by its staff since 1988. Royal Mail managers and leaders of the Communication Workers Union are expected to meet next week, when the PO will put forward new pay proposals as part of a pay, productivity and working practices package in an effort to avert industrial action after a ballot result this week showed a 2-1 majority in favour of a strike among voting CWU members.

Statisticians record 235 significant strikes in 1995 — again more than the 1994 and 1993 totals of 205 and 211 respectively, but again a great deal less than the average of 614 for the past ten years and 1,234 for the past 20. Twenty stoppages in 1995 accounted for more than 70 per cent of the total number of working days lost through strikes. Though most trade union strength is in manufacturing industry, today's figures show that most strike days were lost in the service sector.

☐ Commuter services in London and the South East were hit again yesterdayfor the third time by strike action over pay by employees of Stagecoach SelKent.



The 1984-85 miners' strike cost 26 million working days

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Austria Sch	17.68	16.18
Belgium Fr	51.73	47.43
Canada $	2.228	2.068
Cyprus Cyp£	0.764	0.709
Denmark Kr	9.72	8.92
Finland Mkk	7.82	7.17
France Fr	8.44	7.79
Germany Dm	2.53	2.32
Greece Dr	389.00	364.00
Hong Kong $	12.64	11.64
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	5.45	4.80
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Japan Yen	183.20	167.20
Malta	0.589	0.544
Netherlds Gld	2.806	2.576
New Zealand $	2.44	2.22
Norway Kr	10.67	9.87
Portugal Esc	256.50	237.00
S Africa Rd	7.35	6.55
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A brake on break-up bids

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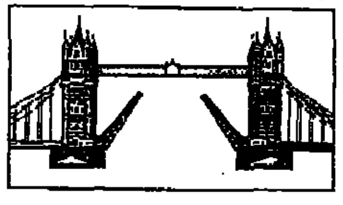

☐ HOW interesting to see whether those of the great and the good who rallied around Forte when it was assailed by Granada will have similar qualms about seeing one of Britain's most important engineers sold down the river, bought in a flurry of financial engineering and broken up.

Precious few, one suspects, if Lucas Industries goes on the auction block. The irony is twofold. First, the latest move from Granada shows that the Forte empire will not, indeed, have to be broken up. Gerry Robinson has found his way clear to keeping the hotels, rather than selling them back to their previous owner. Granada's bid may have been opportunistic, it may even, with the benefit of hindsight, have been a steal. But it was not a break-up.

The second irony is that Forte was nothing more than a collection of hotels of varying quality and a chain of motorway service stations. No national interest and few exports to protect — but how the City got it in the neck for allowing it to be sold.

This column has marvelled before at the relative lack of attention paid outside the City to the Glaxo-Wellcome merger, value £9 billion, which decided the fate of the biggest player in one of Britain's leading industries, pharmaceuticals, and allowed a vital research and development resource to be "rationalised". How much less concern will be paid to a mere metal-basher, my dear, worth just £2.6 billion at the highest take-out price now being contemplated by the market.

BBA Group, a little-known but expansion-minded engineer, was, shall we put it thus, steering the market towards the idea that it had no interest in bidding for Lucas after the later agreed a merger with Varity of the US late last week. Not so; yesterday BBA was forced to admit an interest, and a bid can be expected shortly if the financing is available.

Criticism has been levelled at the Varity link. George Simpson, the departing Lucas chief executive, has been accused of being too keen to stitch up a deal, any deal, before he goes on to the more prestigious GEC. But the link looks a sight more attractive than the sort of piratical break-up that could frustrate it. The customers, the big carmakers, certainly approve of the creation of a second world force to rival Bosch of Germany.

By contrast BBA, for example, half Lucas's size, would be under pressure to sell chunks of the business after a successful bid. Likewise a German buyer such as Mannesmann, if one emerges in addition, would have no reason to keep, say, aerospace. The Varity alliance will take until September to complete, giving any third party plenty of time to derail it.

At the end of the day, City institutions offered £3 a share in a break-up bid will rush to accept, rather than hold Lucas shares valued at 245p once the Varity terms were announced. One can only hope fund managers have their excuses ready.

Customers take second place

☐ IN THE book of unfortunate business quotations — Norman Lamont's green shoots of recovery, Robert Maxwell's one-eyed Albanian who could see the merit of Mirror Group, even Alan Bond's conviction that he and only he could run Lonrho — Yorkshire Water has already earned one entry. That came when Trevor Newton, former managing director, revealed that his malodorous contribution to last summer's drought was to avoid taking a bath.

Now Brandon Gough, Yorkshire's chairman, is going for a second entry. Asked why a sharp rebate to his frazzled customers should not accompany the share buyback bonanza for shareholders that he is preparing, Mr Gough insisted: "We are giving a very substantial benefit to customers now."

The burghers of West Yorkshire should remember that phrase. They were the ones who suffered last summer, and the new management is claiming that things will be different this year. Mr Gough's remarkable optimism might one day come back to haunt him, just as surely as did Mr Lamont's. He and his new board still have much to prove.

Whatever. The clear implication yesterday was that Yorkshire is now focusing on shareholder value rather than the customer. The £12 million extra being spent this year on preventing leakage looks insignificant by contrast with the £47 million cost of tankering water about the county last summer. But both are dwarfed by the £140 million Yorkshire is prepared to spend on buying back a tenth of its share capital.

It takes real brass neck, as its customers might put it, for Yorkshire to trumpet those latest reductions in bills they are facing. These were forced on the company by a highly critical regulator earlier this week as a punishment for earlier misdeeds. Meanwhile, even the City was surprised at the level of dividend Yorkshire was prepared to pay. The implication of this, and of the share buyback and the 30 to 40 per cent gearing the board is happy with as a result, is that the money must be unloaded before Ian Byatt or any successor to him does any more damage. He should take this as his cue, and do just that.

Man with beard strikes again

☐ HOW the Treasury's advisers must have hugged themselves as they imposed a gagging order on Stephen Littlechild and safeguarded the British Energy float. No more thunderbolts from the man with the beard this time. No repetition of the last-minute intervention that made such a shambles of last spring's National Power and PowerGen share issue.

Oh dear. The Professor has got his retaliation in first. His proposals to ScottishPower and Scottish Hydro, after the two had been caught with their fingers in the cookie jar, have enormous implications for British Energy. The problem is that those implications are a long way from clear, and will not become any clearer before the nuclear issue is priced and away.

First, it is hard to see how any gag could have worked. Regulators are required to regulate, and any change in the market for power would have required appropriate action from Professor Littlechild no matter what promises he had made covering the first three months of British Energy's stock market life.

Second, requiring the Scots to squeeze down on prices is a strong hint that similar action, by means of another price cap, might be planned in England and Wales. Perhaps the Professor might wait the necessary three months, perhaps not. But the price of electricity, both north and south of Hadrian's Wall, is one of two main variables that will influence British Energy's future performance. This will have to be reflected, somehow, in Monday's prospectus.

Five-year plan

☐ THOSE building societies becoming banks, once they reach the market, will be protected from predators for five years. The Nationwide, keen to remain a mutual society, would like see this five-year rule abolished. A desire for a level playing field? Or does the Nationwide suspect that, once the Halifax converts, the newly fledged bank will go after a big acquisition? Does the Nationwide want some obstacles in the path of its larger rival?

Racal to take £20m charge in datacoms

By PAUL DURMAN

RACAL Electronics has pledged to return its data products business to profit in two years' time, but only after bearing £20 million of reorganisation costs.

The reorganisation, spearheaded by Paul Kozlowski, chairman of Racal's data communications division since last June, will include the closure of a Warrington factory which employs 180 people. Manufacturing will be moved to Florida. Mr Kozlowski is also cutting out layers of management and appointing some executives with whom he has worked in the past.

Data products — equipment that provides access to computer networks — are estimated by analysts to have cost Racal £15 million to £25 million of losses last year.

Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman, said Racal's board had given Mr Kozlowski the "green light" to make the fundamental changes he recommended after completing a strategic review. Sir Ernest praised Mr Kozlowski's expertise and track record in the datacoms industry.

Racal was reporting annual pre-tax profits 21 per cent ahead at £70.4 million for the year to March 31. In spite of the £20 million exceptional cost, Racal said it will increase its profits again this year.

Sir Ernest said: "The underlying performance is very powerful. We are looking forward to 1997-98."

Data communications, the biggest division with sales last year of £429 million, also includes the group's interests in network services, Camelot (the National Lottery operator) and the recently acquired BR Telecommunications. Together, these made a profit of £21.2 million (£14.3 million).

The acquisition of BR Telecommunications has sharply increased borrowings to 75 per cent of shareholders.

The company is paying a 3.9p final dividend, increasing the total payout by 20 per cent to 6p a share.

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Cooklin survives 'no' vote

INVESTORS at Signet's annual meeting yesterday voted against the re-election of Laurence Cooklin, as managing director of the financially strapped jewellery group (Paul Durman writes).

Although the vote was overwhelmingly overturned by proxy votes pledged by investing institutions, the protest indicates private investors' heightened awareness of corporate governance issues.

Shareholders at the meeting opposed the re-election of Mr Cooklin, paid £355,000 last year, because of his two-year contract. This is in defiance of corporate governance best practice, as defined by the Greenbury guidelines.

Signet said Mr Cooklin was given a two-year contract to secure his appointment.

Julian Treger, of the UK Active Value Fund, said the opposition was "a good sign that the ordinary shareholder, the man in the street, is becoming more active".

Battle for Allders intensifies

THE battle for the Allders duty-free airport shops yesterday developed into a bidding war. BAA matched Swissair's offer of £145 million only to be overtaken by a new Swiss offer of £160 million (Oliver August writes).

Allders shares rose 16p to 215p on the news. In response to the increased offer from Swissair, BAA declared that it would not raise its offer any further. The £145 million bid will go to an extraordinary meeting on Monday.

Both parties are still £15 million apart in their bids. The takeover battle started with a £130 million offer by BAA. The Allders board agreed to the sale, but was then confronted by the first Swissair bid of £145 million.

When the board seemed to ignore this bid, Swissair wrote to Allders shareholders, urging them to reject BAA's offer. This prompted the raised BAA offer. BAA shares closed 4p down at 486p.

Profits at Hambros fall 44% on charges

By PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

PROFITS at Hambros, the independent merchant bank, fell 44.5 per cent to £20.6 million in the year to March 31 after a higher than expected £36.2 million provision for bad debts and exceptional charges of £12.9 million.

The exceptionals include losses on the sale of Hambro Clearing and Hambros's Australian stockbroking operation, and a charge for restructuring.

The bank's workforce was reduced from 2,000 to 1,600 during the year, including 100 redundancies, and another 100 are likely to go over the next 12 to 18 months. Despite a 3p fall in the share price to 227p, most analysts were forecasting higher profits this year.

Sir Chips Keswick, Hambros's chief executive, said the level of provisions was high last year because the bank recognised its bad debts later in the economic cycle than some competitors.

The dividend for the year has been held at 7.5p with the final payment of 5p due on August 19 in spite of a loss per share of 7.6p (earnings of 4p).

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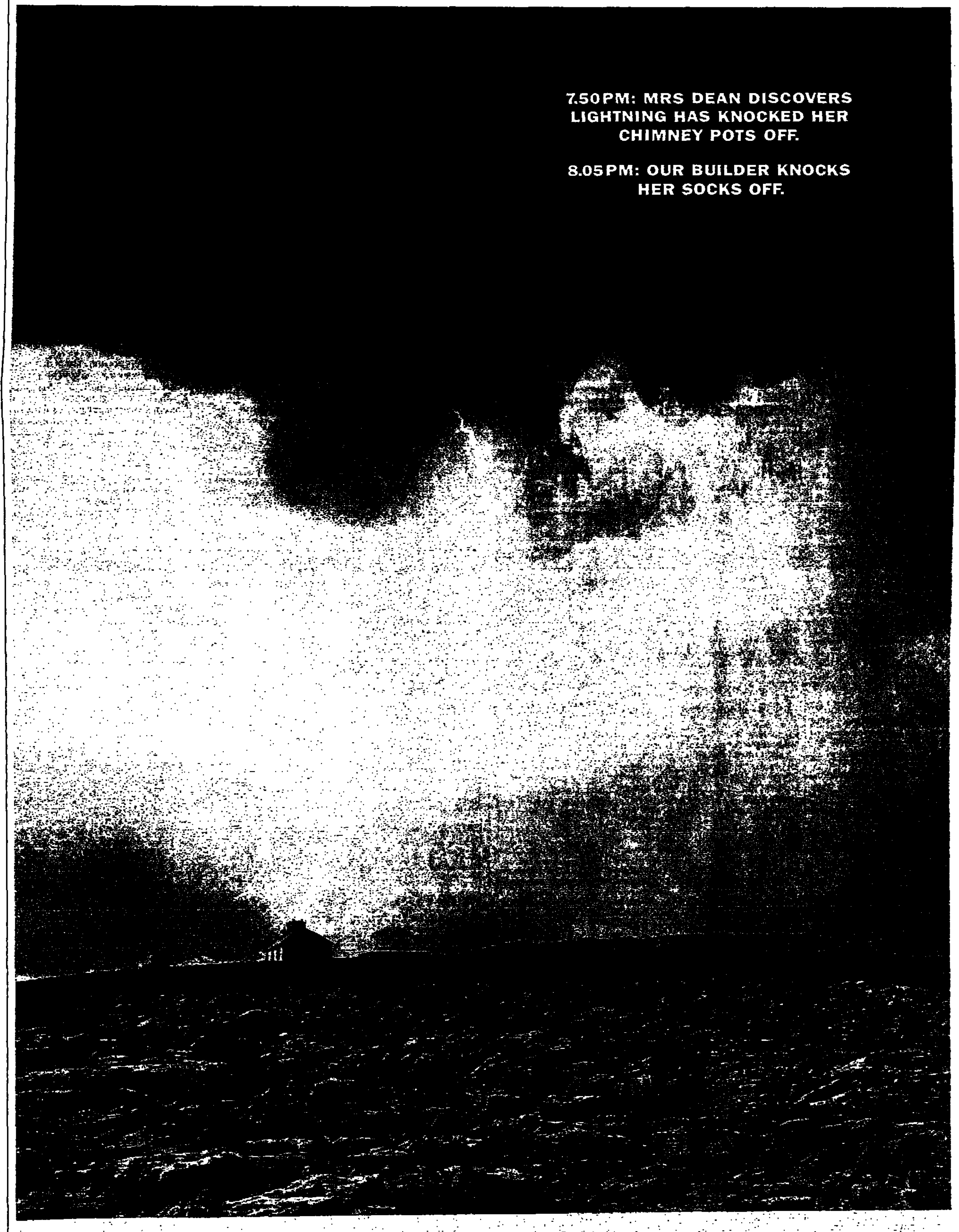

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Lucas soars again as bid prospects grow stronger

THE City is bracing itself for a second bidder to emerge in the battle for control of Lucas Industries. **Lucas** climbed 8p to 254p as more than 18 million shares changed hands after BBA confirmed it was considering the possibility of a spoiling bid. Now it looks as if another bidder is ready to swoop. Names in the frame include, **GKN**, down 3p at 977p, **TI Group**, 3p easier at 524p, or **BTR**, up 1½p at 278p.

But BBA's proposal was given the the thumbs down by both Lucas and the City. A spokesman for Lucas said there was no meaningful industrial case for a merger with BBA. Only last week Lucas announced plans for a merger with Varity in the US which would create a £3.2 billion automotive parts company.

Zafar Khan, at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, reckons a paper offer from BBA would result in considerable dilution, while a cash offer would "obliterate" it balance sheet. Brokers generally take the view BBA does not have the financial muscle to launch such a bid for Lucas.

. Share prices generally staged a lacklustre performance with investors unwilling to commit themselves ahead of tomorrow's US employment numbers. Claims that one major company was poised to ask shareholders to dig deep into their pockets helped to subdue demand. The monthly get together between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, offered little evidence to suggest another cut in interest rates. The FT-SE 100 index finished just 1.8 down at 3,753.4 having traded in narrow limits for much of the day.

Turnover was also depressed with 760 million shares traded, but this was swollen by the PowerGen buyback that accounted for almost 86 million of the total. **PowerGen** finished 3p easier at 485p.

The high street banks continued to be chased higher. **Barclays** led the way with a rise of 7½p to 781½p as speculators again pinned their hopes on the group floating off its BZW securities arm. Hopes are also growing that the group may become more generous towards dividend payments afgter a speech by Andrew Buxton, the chairman, in Australia. Other banks to go better included **National Westminster**, 8p to 636p, **HSBC**, 4p to 983p, and **Lloyds TSB**, 4p to 323p.

Tesco was tipped as a chart buy and the price responded with a rise of 8p to 313½p.

Elsewhere on the bid front, **Allders**, the department store group, advanced 16p to 215p as the battle for control intensified. Just hours after BAA Group, the airport operator, had put an offer of £145 million on the table, in came Swissair with a bid valued at £160 million.

BAA made its move after learning that Swissair was ready to petition the Allders shareholders about its initial offer. They will now be asked to choose between the two offers at an extraordinary meeting in a few day's. BAA finished 4p cheaper at 486p.

News of a bid approach lifted **Blenheim Group**, the exhibitions specialist, 70p to 409p, stretching the company's lead of the past two days to 97p. The approach is likely to be warmly received by fund managers after the upheaval at the group during the past couple of years.

Capital Radio eased 1p to 696p. IP Groupe, its biggest shareholder, plans to sell part of its 21 per cent holding with the sale of 13.8 million shares, or 17 per cent of the company. Goldman Sachs and Cazenove have been asked to find buyers for the shares. IP Groupe will continue to hold 6.9 million shares.

There was an audible sigh of relief at **Midlands Electricity** as the shares 17p rose to 442p after the Government gave the green light to Avon Energy's proposed £1.7 billion bid. It had been feared that the bid would be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Courtaulds Textiles finished 1p cheaper at 378p after the sacking of Noel Jervis as chief executive. He will be replaced by Colin Dyer. His departure comes hard on the heels of a profits warning issued at the annual meeting on May 1. The group said that profits would be "substantially" down on last year because of continuining destocking in the United States.

Drought-ridden **Yorkshire Water** tumbled 16p to 718p after telling the City it will not be initiating its proposed share buy-back programme. Earlier in the morning it had angered consumers by coming in with full-year figures at the top end of expectations and reporting a bigger than expected rise in the dividend. Pre-tax profits grew £20 million to £162 million while the payout jumped 12.5 per cent. A rise of less than 10 per cent had been anticipated in the wake of a difficult year that saw customers' services interrupted and the company came under fire from the regulator.

Full-year figures from **Racal Electronics** failed to impress brokers and left the shares nursing a fall of 16p at 304p. The profits were dented by the £20 million cost of reorganising part of the business and the delay in completing several contracts. Brokers said that without the contribution from Camelot, profits would have been lower.

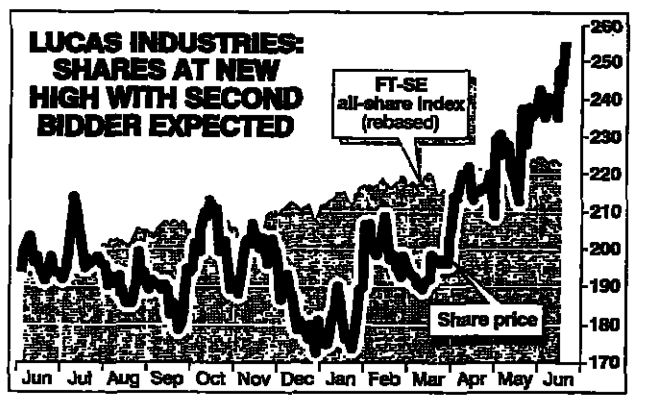
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Brokers reported selective support at the shorter end resulting in a slight steepening of the yield curve. In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt future fell £³⁄₁₆ to £105⁹⁄₃₂ in nervous trading that saw turnover slip to 30,000 contracts.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished £⁵⁄₁₆ lower at £97⁹⁄₃₂, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was just a couple of ticks easier at £102¼.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Stocks were flat in early trading, with investors cautiously sticking to the sidelines ahead of tomorrow's employment report. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 0.37 points at 5,666.08.

Presenter Chris Tarrant still raised a smile for investors in Capital Radio, even though the shares slipped back 1p

Morgan Crucible stood out with a rise of 15p to 447p ahead of tomorrow's annual meeting. Credit Lyonnais Laing says the premium to the rest of the sector remains modest. Margins are improving and with investors looking for defensive earnings in the capital goods sector, Laing expects the steady re-rating to continue.



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S&P Composite	672.96 (+0.40)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	21881.43 (+23.31)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	11092.51 (+5.60)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	570.69 (+2.08)

Sydney:

AO	2229.7 (-6.3)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2552.53 (+6.28)

Singapore:

Straits	2326.81 (+8.09)

Brussels:

General	9442.80 (+64.89)

Paris:

CAC-40	2115.35 (+4.35)

Zurich:

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London:

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FT 100	3753.4 (-1.8)
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USM (Datastrm)	221.52 (+0.14)
US$	1.5487 (-0.0010)
German Mark	2.3683 (-0.0054)
Exchange Index	86.4 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2357
£:SDR	1.0744
RPI	152.6 Apr (2.4%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	152.0 Apr (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AIM Trust	101	...
Aberforth Sml (100)	102	...
Biocompatibles Wrts	55	...
CA Coutts (105)	118	...
Carlsbrooke (90)	108	...
Emtech	65	...
Epic Multimedia	98	...
Gartmore Select Jap	92½	+ ½
Hercules Prop Svcs	55	...
INVESCO Eng & Int	98	- 1
Independent Energy	108	...
Just Group	5	...
Luminar (200)	290	+ 6
Malden Group	293	...
Mulberry Group	173	+ 3
Prism Rail	205	...
Railtrack (190)	216½	...
Recognition Sys (70)	121	+ 3
Reflec	78	- 2
Renaissance US Gth	98	...
SEA Multimedia	75	...
Schroder Vent	194	...
Taiwan Inv Tst C	93	- 1½
Thomas Potts	12½	...
Tom Hoskins	55	+ 2
Whitecross (84)	93	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Albrighton n/p (6)	¼	...
Chelsfield n/p (220)	40	...
Firstbus n/p (140)	24	- 1
Ibstock n/p (55)	8	...
Porter Chad n/p (34)	3	...
Proteus Intl n/p (45)	26	...
Sketchley n/p (105)	108	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Blenheim Gp	409p (+70p)
Caird Gp	288p (+39p)
Bluebird Toys	275p (+27p)
Allders	215p (+16p)
Man Utd	431p (+26p)

FALLS:

Real Time	243p (-26p)
Racal Elect	304p (-16p)
De La Rue	633p (-23p)
David Smith	288p (-10p)
WH Smith	445p (-11p)
CMG	659p (-15p)

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TEMPUS

Back to the future

RACAL ELECTRONICS is investing a lot of faith in Paul Kozlowski, the American who joined last year as head of the troublesome data communications arm. Unfortunately for someone in communications, Mr Kozlowski talks at length but conveys little information. Never mind: he has an impressive record in the US datacoms industry and he has pledged to return Racal's data business to profit by 1997/98. It loses an annual £15-25 million.

Mr Kozlowski has started with a reorganisation, trimming management and consolidating all manufacturing in Florida. This will cost about £20 million this year. But Racal is up against tough competitors and if Mr Kozlowski meets his target, chairman Sir Ernest Harrison will have good cause to be as grateful as he seemed yesterday.

Elsewhere, Racal has some great opportunities but the biggest hopes seem to have slipped into the future. A Ministry of Defence decision on the £2.4 billion army contract to supply the Bowman radio system has been postponed until September 1998.

The BR Telecommunications business, bought last December, made an impressive debut contribution of £12.8 million. Although Racal was at pains to stress this was exceptional, the network run by the renamed Racal-BRT has lots of spare capacity that is proving attractive. The £15.2 million profit from Racal's stake in lottery company Camelot was also more than useful.

Racal's shares yesterday fell 16p to 304p. With this year's profit forecasts being trimmed back to £74 million, they may have further to fall. But on a three year view, Racal looks much more attractive.

Blenheim

THE art of good corporate finance, like good comedy, is timing. If United MAI does make a £500 million bid for Blenheim Group, the City is bound to wonder if the bid has come a year too late, leaving United paying £200 million too much.

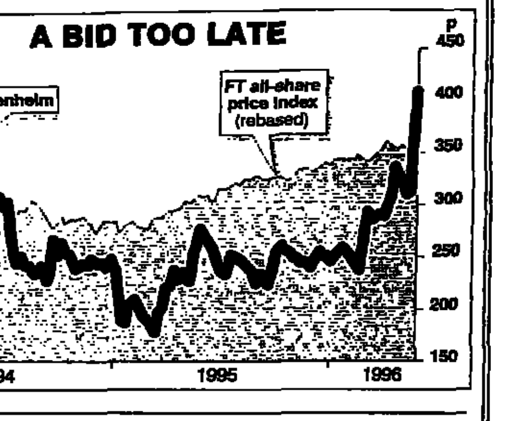
In early 1994, following a series of profits warnings, Blenheim shares stood at 174p, having fallen from a high of more than 600p. Less than a year ago they stood at 200p. Yesterday they jumped from 339p to 409p, and Neville Buch, Blenheim's chairman, does not want to agree to a deal at less than 500p.

Of course, United could make an agressive bid, and see what assets there are at Blenheim walk out the door. But there is a risk that could happen anyway as the French and US directors cash in their shares.

The argument against bidding 18 months ago was that Blenheim was such a mess it could have fallen apart. Its present shape is a tribute to Mr Buch and Stefan Svenby, the managing director.

The company is still not out of the woods. The US businesses are facing tough competition from Ziff Davis and the French side from Reed Elsevier, which is run by ex-Blenheim people.

But recent deals in the industry, as shown by the sale of the Ziff Davis computer shows, are at around three times revenues. That would indicate United could pay £600 million, or 600p a share, and still be smiling.



Source: DATASTREAM

Hambros

DESPITE the market's obvious disappointment over the performance of the Hambros banking business in the year to March 31, the 3p fall in its share price to 227p was a little surprising.

The book value of the Hambros net asset value per share may have fallen from 196p to 180p, but at market value there is an increase from 214p to 231p. Take into account the £40 million unrealised gains on the investment portfolio and a net asset value of 271p is achievable without taking into account any sort of premium on its banking operations.

Its listed subsidiaries, Hambro Countrywide and Hambro Insurance Services, are performing well, and the new strategic direction of the group, established at the end of last year, demonstrated that these are no longer seen as core businesses.

SBC Warburg is looking for pre-tax profits of £75 million in the current year and earnings per share of 15.5p. This puts the shares on a multiple of 14.4 times. Despite the bank's protestations that it is not for sale, this all makes Hambros look attractive from a speculative point of view — it could be a marvellous break-up.

Jarvis Hotels

IT IS second time lucky for Jarvis Hotels. The company pulled out of a planned flotation last year, unhappy with the stock market rating it could command. Now the hotel market is booming and the City is only too keen to welcome new hotel groups.

Two pure hotel groups, Millennium and Copthorne and MacDonald Hotels, have already made a successful debut this year, and there is no reason to believe Jarvis will ruin the clean-cut image of the new boys. It is run by management with lengthy experience in hotels. Jarvis is also keen to emphasise that the company is not into Queens Moat-style over-expansion. The aim is to grow through individual hotel purchases from modest debt and cash resources and avoid further cash calls.

There also appears to be plenty of room for trading improvement. Occupancy levels are 64 per cent, partially depressed by new acquisitions. It is also confident of forcing through further price rises, after a £3 a room rise last year. With more than a million rooms sold over the course of the year, any price rise has a significant profit uplift.

Not surprisingly Jarvis is not coming to the market cheap. At an anticipated float price of around 160p, the company is sitting on an historic price earings rating of 16 times.

However, the sector average is around 21 times so the share price should have some room for growth. Jarvis may not be a bargain but investors will find a solid home.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Jul	1056-1055	Sep	1043-1041
Sep	1085-1084	Dec	1058-1055
Dec	1020-1019	Mar	1067-1064
Mar	1010-1009	May	1083-1073
May	1021-1020		
Jul	1031-1020		Volume: 9363

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1757-1755	Mar	1680-1670
Sep	1735-1733	May	1660-1650
Nov	1725-1723	Jul	1640-1620
Jan	1705-1698		Volume: 2356

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	327.7-26.9
Spot: 392.1		May	327.2-26.4
Aug	375.5-75.0	Aug	328.2-27.4
Oct	340.5-40.0	Oct	315.7-12.4
Dec	331.5-30.6		Volume: 1574

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 4

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	113.97	151.08	99.40
(+/-)	-4.33	+6.61	+0.28
Eng/Wales:	113.85	151.20	98.43
(+/-)	-4.10	+7.14	-1.04
(%)	-31.0	+5.0	+8.0
Scotland:	115.18	148.35	102.61
(+/-)	-9.13	-7.15	+4.54
(%)	+21.0	+37.0	n/c

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.35	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.95	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.50	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.85	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.15	-0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	194 (n/c)	196 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	164 (-1)	166 (-4)
3.5 Fuel Oil	84 (+2)	85 (+1)
Naphtha	181 (+3)	182 (+2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	161.25-61.50	Sep	158.75-59.00
Jul	159.00-59.25	Oct	159.25-59.75
Aug	158.00-58.25		Vol: 15758

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	17.96-17.98	Oct	17.02-17.06
Aug	17.50 BID	Nov	16.90 SLR
Sep	17.22 BID		Vol: 33863

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	123.15	Sep	106.50
Sep	111.50	Nov	107.90
Nov	113.50	Jan	110.15
Jan	115.45	Mar	112.00
Mar	117.45	May	113.25
Volume: 482		Volume: 16	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	85.0
Mar		110.0
Apr		138.5
		Volume: 119

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

May 102.50-103.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 96	1300	1285	1285
Jul 96	1240	1230	1234
Aug 96	1240	1240	1233
Oct 96	1350	1335	1335
Vol: 43 lots		Open interest: 4329	

Index 1338 n/c

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)			Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2415.0-2420.0	3mth: 2320.0-2322.0	Vol: 1537775
Lead ($/tonne)	815.00-816.00	820.00-821.00	214025
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1020.0-1021.0	1045.5-1046.0	414825
Tin ($/tonne)	6110.0-6120.0	6140.0-6145.0	23080
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1509.0-1510.0	1546.0-1547.0	1340700
Nickel ($/tonne)	7840.0-7845.0	7960.0-7962.0	107694

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom	460	22	37	42½	7	11½	21
(*474½)	500	4½	18½	22	29	32½	42½
Argyll	330	32	41	47	1½	6½	10½
(*358)	360	11½	22½	29	11	17½	22½
ASDA	120	5	8	10½	4	7	8½
(*120)	130	1½	4	6½	10½	13½	14½
Boots	600	13	28	36	16	24½	31
(*606½)	650	1½	10	17	57½	59½	63½
Br Airways	500	43½	57	65	2	8½	12½
(*538)	550	12	26½	35½	20	28	32½
BP	550	22	32½	41½	8	17½	22½
(*560)	600	3½	11½	19	40½	46½	50½
Br Steel	160	12	14	16½	2	6½	9
(*171)	180	1½	5	8	16½	18	20½
C & W	420	24	36	44	6	13	19½
(*433½)	460	6	17½	25	28	33	40½
CU	550	50½	57	66	2	10½	15
(*595)	600	15	25	39	17	32	36½
ICI	850	24	40½	56½	18½	35½	42½
(*850)	900	6½	20½	35	52	67½	72½
Land Sec	600	26	40½	48½	3½	9½	15
(*618½)	650	3½	14½	22½	32	34½	39½
M & S	460	17½	29	36½	5½	12	17
(*468½)	500	2½	11	17½	31½	35	38½
Nat West	600	45	57½	68	4½	15	22½
(*635½)	650	15	26	41½	24½	39½	46½
Sainsbury	390	14½	26	32½	6½	12	17
(*390)	420	3	12	18	25	29	33½
Shell	900	29½	45½	56½	10½	24	27½
(*915½)	950	7	20	31½	38	51	57½
Smkl Bch	638	47	61½	—	4½	15	—
(*676)	687	16½	33	—	22½	36	—
Storehse	300	21	31	—	3	8½	—
(*316)	330	4½	15	—	17	22½	—
Trafalgar	50	1	1	—	0½	0½	—
(*50)	60	0	0	—	10	10	—
Zeneca	1350	46½	83	111½	32½	59	72
(*1357½)	1400	23½	57	86	60½	86	97½
Series		Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAT Ind	500	32½	43	51½	13½	22	25
(*519½)	550	9	20½	28½	43½	50	52½
Vodafone	240	18	25½	28½	7½	13	15½
(*249½)	260	9	15½	19	18	23	25½
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	420	24½	33	40	12	19½	22½
(*433)	460	8	15½	21½	36½	39½	45
Ladbroke	180	19½	23	27	6½	9	13½
(*191)	200	9½	13½	17½	16½	19½	27½
Utd Bisc	220	13	17½	21½	9½	14	16½
(*221)	240	5	9½	13	22	25½	28

June 5, 1996 Tot: 34807 Calls: 11773 Puts: 23034 FT-SE Calls: 2412 Puts: 7536
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	460	26	36½	42½	5	10	14
(*485)	500	5	15½	22	25½	30	33½
Thames W	550	20½	28½	37½	18	24	31½
(*570)	600	1	11½	19	54½	57	63
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	260	23½	27	30	2½	6	8
(*278)	280	10½	14½	18½	9	14½	16½
Br Aero	850	64	80½	97½	13½	25	30
(*890½)	900	33½	52	69	33½	46½	51½
Br Telcm	360	14½	18½	21½	10	21	25
(*363½)	390	3½	7	10½	38½	41½	44½
Cadbury	460	43½	52	61½	5½	12½	15½
(*491)	500	19	28½	39	21	29	32½
Guinness	460	19½	27½	36	13	20½	23
(*462)	500	5	11½	18	39½	44½	45
GEC	360	14	21	26½	13½	17½	21½
(*365)	390	3	9½	14½	35	37½	40
Hanson	180	10	13½	16½	5	8½	12
(*183)	200	2½	6	8½	18	21	24½
LASMO	160	20½	25½	27½	2½	4½	4½
(*176½)	180	8	13	15½	9	11½	12
Lucas	240	22½	27½	31	10½	14	13½
(*253½)	260	12½	18	19½	20½	24½	23½
Pilkington	191	13	—	—	6	—	—
(*198)	210	5	—	—	18	—	—
Prudential	390	39	45	52½	4	10	13½
(*419½)	420	19½	26½	35	14	22½	25½
Redland	390	26½	34	41½	9	17	20½
(*402½)	420	11½	19	26½	24½	32½	36
R-Royce	220	14½	20½	25	7½	12½	15
(*224)	240	5½	11½	16	19	23½	26
Tesco	300	22	28½	34	6	11½	14
(*312½)	330	7½	14	19½	21½	27½	29½
Williams	330	20	24½	—	6	11½	—
(*341½)	360	5½	9½	—	21½	28	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3750½)

	3650	3700	3750	3800	3850	3900
Calls						
Jun	113	72	37	15	4	1
Jul	132½	95½	64	40	21½	10
Aug	146	111½	80½	56½	36½	20½
Sep	160½	136	105	81½	58½	42
Dec	—	195	—	141	—	96
Puts						
Jun	7	15	31½	59½	107½	150
Jul	24	36½	55	81½	114½	156
Aug	42	57	76	102	132	167½
Sep	58½	76½	95½	121	148½	182½
Dec	—	113	—	159	—	214½

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	550	18½	34½	47½	3½	19½	26½
(*564)	600	1	12½	25	36	49	55
Amstrad	140	17	24	20½	0	3½	6
(*156)	160	4	13	16	6	11	14½
Barclays	750	35	51½	64½	2½	16½	24
(*781½)	800	6	24	38	22	42	48½
Blue Circ	330	29	38	43½	0	6½	11½
(*358)	360	6	19	26	7	18	24

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 62269	Jun 96	3762.0	3762.0	3742.0	3756.0	6963
	Sep 96	3767.0	3767.0	3750.0	3762.0	1065
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 4141	Jun 96	4490.0	4490.0	4490.0	4485.0	100
	Sep 96	4529.0	4529.0	4529.0	4524.0	100
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 386506	Jun 96	93.94	93.95	93.90	93.92	16557
	Sep 96	93.87	93.88	93.83	93.84	12619
	Dec 96	93.68	93.68	93.62	93.63	13771
Three Mth Euro Yen	Sep 96				99.23	0
	Dec 96	98.97	98.98	98.97	98.97	610
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1128189	Jun 96	96.68	96.68	96.65	96.66	10337
	Sep 96	96.73	96.73	96.70	96.70	25181
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 148164	Jun 96	106-16	106-16	106-09	106-10	11639
	Sep 96	105-13	105-17	105-08	105-09	30694
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 96	120.43	120.44	120.35	120.40	1065
	Sep 96	118.76	119.35	119.25	119.32	2705
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 157974	Sep 96	95.68	95.69	95.47	95.51	109224
	Dec 96	94.65	94.72	94.62	94.61	195
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 26331	Jun 96	95.56	95.56	95.54	95.55	716
	Sep 96	95.61	95.61	95.56	95.56	540
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 82416	Jun 96	97.52	97.52	97.46	97.50	2044
	Sep 96	97.52	97.52	97.47	97.49	3738
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 45402	Sep 96	115.60	115.81	115.23	115.29	38532
	Dec 96				114.69	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 5½ Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[illegible] : 3 mth 5[illegible] . Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible] : 3 mth: 5[illegible] .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6 , close 5[illegible] .

Local Authority Deps:	5.31	n/a	6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.36	n/a	5.41	5.47	6.00
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4-3
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $388.25-388.55 Close: $387.40-387.90 High: $388.25-388.55
Low: $386.00-386.50 AM: $387.95 PM: $387.65

Krugerrand: $386.75-389.75 (£249.75-251.75)

Platinum: $392.75 (£254.05) Silver: $5.20 (£3.355) Palladium: $127.75 (£82.65)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 5	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6483-2.6549	2.6483-2.6503	[illegible]pr	[illegible]-2pr
Brussels	48.66-48.79	48.66-48.70	14-9pr	38-31pr
Copenhagen	9.1367-9.1583	9.1367-9.1454	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Dublin	0.9755-0.9785	0.9760-0.9776	9-5pr	24-19pr
Frankfurt	2.3666-2.3717	2.3666-2.3684	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Lisbon	243.96-244.84	244.08-244.35	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Madrid	200.34-200.78	200.36-200.55	20-28ds	87-104ds
Milan	2388.7-2395.9	2391.6-2393.9	5-7ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.1148-2.1243	2.1148-2.1165	0.27-0.19pr	0.49-0.38pr
New York	1.5460-1.5510	1.5478-1.5485	0.085-0.065pr	0.218-0.187pr
Oslo	10.113-10.136	10.113-10.129	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	8.0169-8.0331	8.0222-8.0270	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Stockholm	10.367-10.439	10.401-10.421	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Tokyo	168.20-168.91	168.42-168.60	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	16.652-16.690	16.653-16.668	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Zurich	1.9420-1.9484	1.9420-1.9441	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2597-1.2605
Austria	10.75-10.76
Belgium (Com)	31.45-31.49
Canada	1.3687-1.3692
Denmark	5.9065-5.9095
France	5.1850-5.1860
Germany	1.5302-1.5307
Hong Kong	7.7368-7.7378
Ireland	1.5830-1.5850
Italy	1545.50-1546.50
Japan	108.80-108.89
Malaysia	2.4973-2.4983
Netherlands	1.7124-1.7134
Norway	6.5378-6.5453
Portugal	157.82-157.87
Singapore	1.4095-1.4105
Spain	129.45-129.50
Sweden	6.7341-6.7441
Switzerland	1.2568-1.2578

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5473-1.5499
Australia dollar	1.9497-1.9516
Bahrain dinar	0.5780-0.5900
Brazil real*	1.5426-1.5468
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7250-0.7350
Finland markka	7.1975-7.3135
Greece drachma	370.75-377.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.9742-11.9797
India rupee	53.51-54.47
Indonesia rupiah	3583.00-3651.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4595-0.4695
Malaysia ringgit	3.8646-3.8686
New Zealand dollar	2.2868-2.2900
Pakistan rupee	53.88 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5800-5.7000
Singapore dollar	2.1812-2.1842
S Africa rand (com)	6.7390-6.8410
U A E dirham	5.6300-5.7540

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ASDA Gp	5,900	Legal & Gn	465
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Argos	214	NatWst Bk	4,900
Argyll Gp	3,000	Nat Grid	1,200
AB Foods	56	Nat Power	10,000
BAA	4,800	P & O	4,000
BAT Inds	4,700	Pearson	513
BOC	173	Pilkington	553
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BT	8,800	RMC	171
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Courtaulds	1,100	Slebe	1,000
Dixons	974	SmKl Bch	7,500
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Greenalls	198	Tomkins	616
Guinness	2,300	Unilever	925
HSBC	2,000	United Utils	668
Hanson	8,100	Vodafone	14,700
ICI	614	Whitbread	1,200
Kingfisher	153	Wllms Hld	1,800
LASMO	1,100	Wolseley	297
Ladbroke	3,100	Zeneca	752

WALL STREET

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

For APR read April

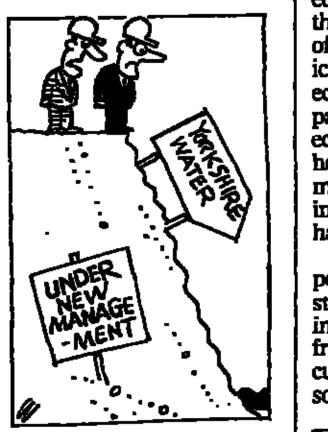
NEVER mind customer loyalty, what about your family? In a desperate bid for laughs, Brian Davis, chief executive at the Nationwide, turned on his wife yesterday at the building society's conference. Davis's ripping yarn involved taking home his wife a society circular, to make sure it was written in "plain English". The wheeze was working well, apparently, until Mrs Davis, focusing on the acronym APR, asked if there was any particular reason for announcing mortgage rates in April.

'Welcome' slip

SHAME on Railtrack — the latest high-profile perpetrator of the misplaced apostrophe. The company that splashed out on a giant "welcome mat" to greet passengers arriving at Leeds City Station, has made a spelling gaff. The company's marketing department chose the wording: "Railtrack Welcomes You to Leeds City Station." Unfortunately, it inserted an apostrophe after the "e" in welcomes. If that wasn't bad enough, a Railtrack spokesman lost his rag when dealing with a query from a local radio station. He bit back: "It's a simple spelling mistake. What do you want us to do? Take the offender to City Square and have them hung, drawn and quartered?" The mat has since been removed.

First aid

FOR the first time in its conference history, Inchcape's medical expenses have outstripped the company's bar bill. Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, was the first to call on an emergency masseuse after he strained his back playing playing tennis at the four-day conference in Macau. Out of the top 80 managers present, one jogged into a tree, another is on crutches after stubbing his toe, and a delegate's leg has turned septic after she was bitten by a bug. The fifth casualty was sent to hospital yesterday after slipping by the side of the swimming pool.



"We hope to make our water levels match our profit levels"

By order

SO ADEPT has Yorkshire Water become at managing a crisis, the company is now making a virtue out of its failings. Proclaiming its highly controversial profits figures yesterday, Yorkshire Water handouts highlighted lower than expected price increases for customers next year. Not that the welcome move was anything to do with the company itself. What Yorkshire Water was in fact drawing reference to was the punishment wielded by the regulator against the company for its hopeless performance last year.

A SURREAL promotional video for Mondex, the electronic purse that could make notes and coins a thing of the past. Set to an upbeat score, the first scene opens in San Francisco, focusing on Californians spending their electronic money and the mighty Wells Fargo bank. Then, just as the tension is mounting, the camera pans to "Swindon, England."

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ECONOMIC VIEW

JANET BUSH

Brainstorming time for the man who must deliver

The Chancellor reviews policy options against a contentious debate on the economy

The Chancellor holds the annual away-day for Treasury officials at his country residence of Dorneywood around now. The Treasury seems, rather bizarrely, to have adopted a new tradition of pre-Dorneywood purdah to add to the pre-Budget sort and won't say when the meeting is.

But this is the time of the year that the Chancellor and officials hold a brainstorming session to take stock of the economy. It is a key juncture in the economic calendar. The first Cabinet meeting to discuss the public spending round will be held within weeks. July 9 sees the publication of the Treasury's *Summer Forecast*, a document that provides the broad economic judgments that will be the background to the Budget.

This one is as difficult to call as any over the past decade, with manufacturing near recession but consumer sectors strengthening. In its May *Inflation Report*, the Bank of England gave a warning about the hazards of navigating a sensible path through such opposing currents. "It was precisely at this juncture — with apparent short-term weakness in some sectors masking signs of more buoyant future activity — that policy mistakes tended to be made in the past."

Comparisons with 1986 are becoming the rage because this was when the Government inadvertently stoked up the 1980s inflationary boom and bust. Late in 1995, manufacturing output was falling at an annual rate of about 3 per cent. By autumn, 1986, output was expanding at an annual rate of around 4 per cent. Armed with CBI surveys in the first half of 1986 that showed orders and output falling and unwanted stocks still building up, the Government cut taxes and interest rates and let sterling plunge. So the late 1980s boom and bust was born.

A decade later, the inflation worriers are in the ascendancy, paranoid in case the economic runes are misinterpreted again. It has to be said at this point that current visions of disaster are hardly dramatic compared with the garish economic landscapes of the past. Richard Jeffrey, chief economist of The Charterhouse Group, is one of the most hawkish in the City on inflation, seeing it rise, perhaps, to as high as 4 per cent.

He sees the economy powered ahead ever more strongly by consumer spending as people feel the benefits from lower interest rates, tax cuts, windfalls from building societies and electricity companies. CBI surveys of retailers' confidence shows confidence back to pre-recession levels. Also broadly in this camp is David Mackie, of JP Morgan, who believes that the economy could be growing at a rate of 3 to 3.5 per cent by the end of this year, powered by consumption. He is surprised at what he feels is complacency in the Bank of England.

The Bank has emphasised the risks of manufacturing falling into a more prolonged slump as an important factor weighing against consumer strength. The two negatives are the huge stocks build-up and the slowdown in European economies, particularly Germany. Mr Mackie believes both negatives are overdone. He is suspicious of CBI survey evidence that there has been virtually no run-down in stock levels so far. He believes that the worst for European economies and British exporters is already past.

Few disagree that the British consumer is staging a comeback after the years of hurting. Where disagreements arise is over the inflation worrier's assumption that (a) there is no measurable chance that the current troubles in manufacturing will have a knock-on effect on confidence and that (b) more consumer spending will inevitably lead to higher prices.

Roger Bootle and Ian Shepherdson, of HSBC Markets, are forecasting consumer spending of 3 per cent this year and 4 per cent next year, not very different from the inflation worriers. Their forecast for overall growth at 2 per cent is not that much out of line with others either. But they still believe that interest rates may have to be cut again.

They argue that, while manufacturing does not look like it is going into a tail-spin, there is at least a risk that the stagnation could be prolonged, that companies will lay off staff and that consumer confidence will take another knock. Stocks and output have tended to move in close tandem and current readings point to a protracted slump in the latter. The purchasing managers' survey earlier this week was very weak and ominously showed a sharp deterioration in firms' employment intentions, suggesting a wave of lay-offs is on the way.

But whether or not manufacturing impinges on consumers/employees, there is another argument against alarmism on interest rates. Can we be sure that a bit more consumer spending will lead to higher retail prices? Current survey evidence suggests producer prices are going to be very low over the year ahead. Why should retailers risk annoying consumers by jacking up prices when their suppliers are keeping theirs low?

These opposing views partly come down to whether or not one believes the world has changed, that we have entered an era of low inflation, that structural changes to the British economy — particularly those that have created a "flexible" labour market — have changed the equation between unemployment and inflation for good.until now, inflation worriers could argue that inflation has remained relatively low because the consumer has been battened down by higher taxes, interest rates, their 1980s credit card and housing debt, and lack of income growth. What will happen over the next three to six months now that the background is positive for consumption for the first time since before the recession? We are entering a fascinating laboratory measuring whether the present is different from the past. Will more spending lead to higher prices or not? As unemployment falls, will wage inflation take off or not?

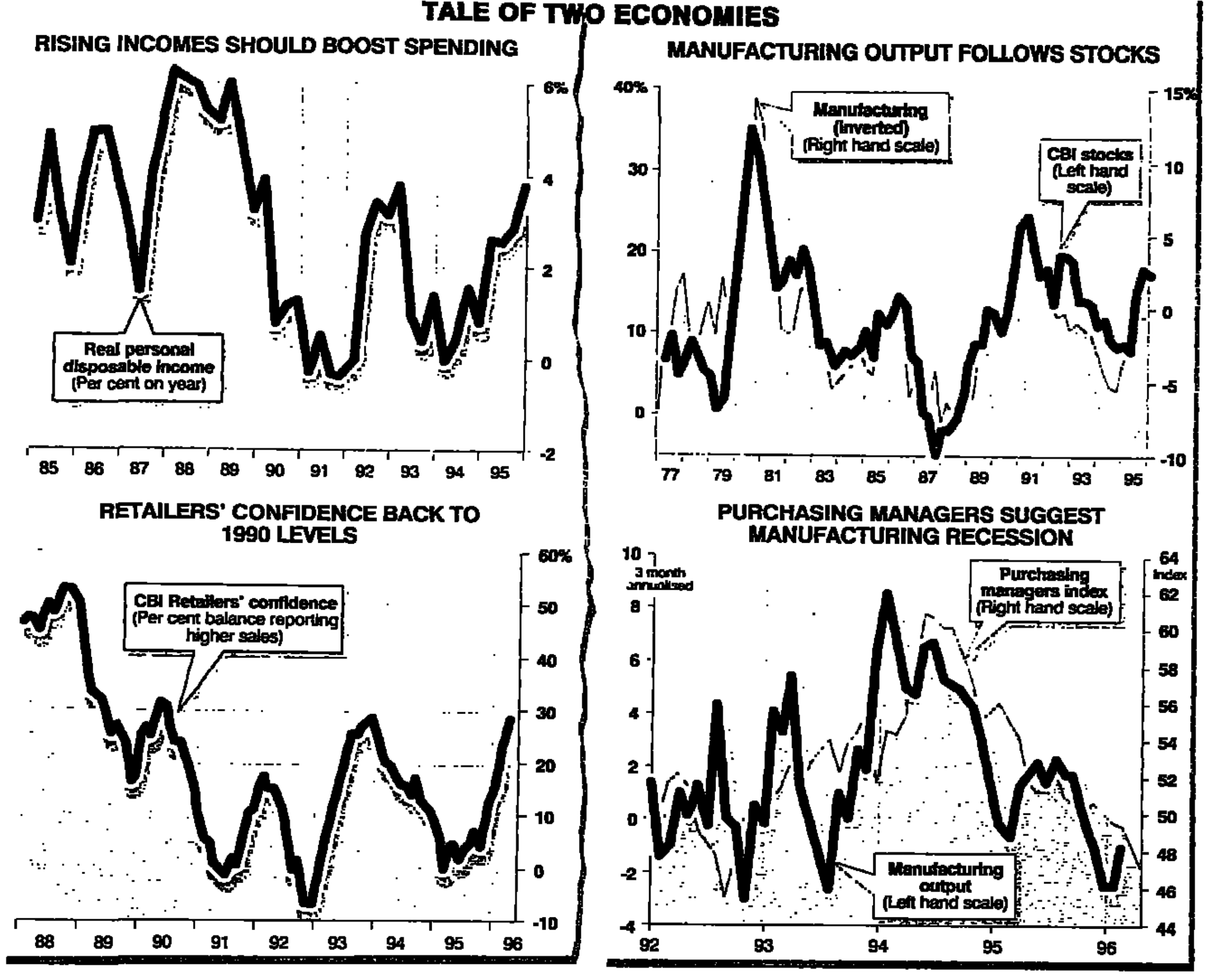
Where does this leave the Chancellor? We know from his interview in *The Times* last week that he is still pretty confident that growth will accelerate, if not reach his 3 per cent forecast for calendar 1996; that he is prepared to raise interest rates before the election if necessary; that he has problems on tax revenues and public spending and is playing down hopes of tax cuts; that he wants to fight the election on the economy and leave the poll to the last minute to allow a bit of prosperity to feed through.

In policy terms, he is almost bound to take an optimistic view. The year before an election is no time for a responsible Chancellor to panic and there is little reason for him to do so. Inflation is not about to explode and, in any case, any problem will come in 1997 when Gordon Brown may be left to tackle it. Helpfully, the Bank appears to be reasonably open-minded on rates for now — perhaps because it made the mistake of being hawkish last year when the economy was weakening and doesn't want to wreck its chances of independence under Labour.

Importantly, the Chancellor believes his own rhetoric — endorsed by the OECD recently — that Conservative structural reforms mean that the economy can grow faster with lower unemployment without igniting inflation. He may want to test how great the supply-side improvement has really been by leaving the brakes off for now. Whether or not the supply side has changed all that much, he won't indulge in the triple boost of 1986 when taxes, rates and sterling all fell — at least not to the same degree.

And what of tax policy? Most people agree that the public finances do not justify tax cuts without matching cuts in spending. No one expects that to be achieved. Most predict a symbolic £2 billion to £3 billion off taxes. The Chancellor says he doesn't want to keep missing targets and wants to leave the public finances in the best shape possible. The truth is that fiscal policy is a headache for the next Parliament, not this one.

TALE OF TWO ECONOMIES



Why Germany is running out of steam

Oliver August on Bonn's near-miss with the statistic that spells recession

She took off vertically, climbing with grace and strength, displaying precision planning and German engineering, apparently shaming all those who had derided the value of European co-operation.

But just as she was about to break free from gravity, she burst into flames and disintegrated.

This is not Ariane 5, the ill-fated European space rocket. This week's other Icarus is the German economy. By the narrowest of margins, Germany avoided being officially in recession.

The criterion is negative growth for two consecutive quarters. In March, the statistical office in Wiesbaden reported a 0.5 per cent GDP slowdown, and it did so again yesterday for the first quarter of this year.

However, the Wiesbaden umpires also revised the March figures to zero GDP growth yesterday. The ball is not over the line, they ruled. Germany is not in recession.

Such tiny adjustments to the data are, however, meaningless. The truth of the matter is that Germany's economy is in trouble. Again.

The euphoria of unification was followed by realisation that even another economic miracle would not turn the east into "blooming lands", as Helmut Kohl had promised. In 1993, there was talk of the French franc replacing the mark as Europe's currency anchor. The mark has since recovered, but uncertainty over *Model Deutschland* has returned.

Herr Kohl's problem is not whether the economy is in recession this quarter or not. The real problem is that Germany's version of the "social market economy" is breaking down — and deserves to because it makes Germany uncompetitive.

Yesterday's growth figures are the clearest sign yet that Germany must bend over backwards to stay Europe's *Musterschüler*, or top pupil. Most economies in Germany's class are growing, not dicing with recession.

Why is Germany lagging? The statisticians in Wiesbaden timidly point to a cold spell in the last quarter. Apparently, construction investment was down because of it, keeping overpaid brickies at home. Maybe former British Rail managers have joined Germany's statistics office to issue statements such as: "The first-quarter results from Wiesbaden will be 0.5 per cent down because of the wrong kind of snow/-leaves/sunshine".

The real reason for Germany's slow growth is not weather, but its high wages, its inflexible industrial legislation and its boundless welfare spending.

After months of procrastination, Herr Kohl unveiled a £22 billion savings package six weeks ago. It includes tougher rules on dole payments, a one-year freeze on social welfare hand-outs, reduction of sick leave, a higher retirement age and bigger fees for medicine.

Yet Herr Kohl failed to convince his country that austerity was the order of the day. Instead, he tried to sell the package by saying that it was not an "attack on the social welfare state".

Burgeoning welfare spending bodes ill for Helmut Kohl's pet project, European monetary union

Such an attack is just what Germany needs. But even 50 years after the catastrophic experience of the Nazi era, talk of unleashing animal spirits — though only in a quest for economic growth rather than *Lebensraum* — is taboo.

Until Germans have shed that worry, all reform packages will be in vain. Even Herr Kohl's relatively modest chopping list looks likely to be shelved because of public opposition. Trade unions are already organising disruptive "warning strikes". Such industrial action will be a warning not only to Herr Kohl in Bonn, but to his Europhile colleagues in Brussels.

Germany's burgeoning welfare spending bodes ill for Herr Kohl's pet project, European monetary union. If he fails to curb spending and sees tax revenue decline further, Germany will not meet the budget deficit criterion in the Maastricht treaty.

For Euro-watchers on this side of the Channel, that is the real significance of Germany's weather-beaten growth figures. With any luck, Germany will miss the Maastricht boat because of snow.

Regional press consolidating around true-to-type publishers

Fred Johnston is the type one would expect to be selling his stake in the regional newspaper industry. His ancestors founded Johnston Press more than 200 years ago and his family holds more than 40 per cent of the shares.

This is the sort of business that was commonly bought by the likes of Emap, one of the acquisitive breed of media groups that specialised in persuading small, independent publishers to part with their family's inheritance.

But this week the tables were turned. Mr Johnston — whose fellow directors light-heartedly allude to his ability to charm widows — smooth-talked Emap into selling the business on which it was built.

Mr Johnston's time as chairman has seen the Scottish group forsake its Falkirk roots for Edinburgh, expand operations south of the border, and add a clutch of daily titles to its stable of free and paid-for weeklies. The Emap deal will make Johnston Press the fifth-largest regional newspaper publisher by circulation.

And, yet, although the deal may appear to go against the grain, in another respect it is following a more recent trend — the sale by diversified media groups of their regional newspaper interests to publishers dedicated to the sector.

Last year the Thomson Corporation sold the majority of its UK newspapers to Trinity International. Reed International's regional titles were sold to Newsquest, a management buy-out team. Midland Independent Newspapers, another leading player, also started life as an MBO team with Ingersoll's Birmingham and Coventry titles, and is first and foremost a local newspaper publisher.

Barlow: "no sale"

If the trend continues, three groups are worth watching: the Northcliffe division of Daily Mail & General Trust; United Provincial Newspapers (UPN), part of United News & Media; and Pearson's Westminster Press (WP).

Many of the larger media groups are looking to the attractive returns promised by electronic publishing and databases, radio, television and business and consumer publishing. Emap, for example, is a market leader in consumer magazines, and is using its know-how and acquisitive skills to replicate this success in France. It is also generating rapid growth in radio. Meg Geldens, media analyst at Goldman Sachs, would not be surprised to see UPN sold after the merger of MAI and United News. Along with WP, its circulation is among the fastest fallers in the industry, symptomatic of underinvestment. She said: "You have to be very focused. If you're not going to go for it, you should get out. It was very good Emap got out."

Anthony de Larrinaga, media analyst at Panmure Gordon, believes the industry will consolidate around a small core of leading players; Northcliffe is the only one not part of a broader media group.

UPN has relaunched its titles and may seek swaps to give it a geographic mix more conducive to increased margins, otherwise, Mr de Larrinaga believes, the group may be sold. "WP is definitely on the block," he said, pointing to the considerable cost savings made in the past year but rapid readership erosion.

Frank Barlow, Pearson's chief executive, has said that WP definitely is not for sale. But, as Mr de Larrinaga said: "Emap kept saying 'no', too." Newsquest is tipped by some as hungry to expand. Or perhaps Fred Johnston's chat-up lines will again win the day.

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Whitbread to build £34m hotel

Whitbread, the brewing and leisure company, yesterday unveiled a £34 million development of a new Marriott hotel at Heathrow Airport.

The 390-room hotel is due to open in 1998 and will have conference facilities and a health club. The existing 350-room Marriott Heathrow Hotel at Langley will be renamed after the new hotel is completed.

Whitbread paid £180 million for 16 Marriott hotels last year and has since increased the chain by ten by rebranding its own Country Club hotels. The company aims to increase the Marriott portfolio to 33 by the end of the year.

Rolls success

Rolls-Royce, the aerospace and industrial power group, has won a £30 million order to supply engines to a Chinese airline. The company said that China Southern had chosen its V2500 engines to power its new fleet of ten A320 Airbus jets. Deliveries will begin next year. China Southern is the first Chinese airline to buy the V2500-powered A320, built by Airbus Industrie, the European consortium including British Aerospace.

Wardle deal

Wardle Storeys, the manufacturer of plastic sheet, airborne systems and inflatable systems, has acquired the business and assets of the marine products division of SMR Technologies, based in Ohio, for $9 million. At SMR's last financial year-end, the assets concerned had a book value of $6.9 million. After significant one-off charges, the business made a loss of $1.1 million on sales of $6 million.

Plane firm hit

About 6,400 union employees of McDonnell Douglas yesterday went on strike after the collapse of contract negotiations with the US aerospace company. Union machinists have rejected McDonnell Douglas's proposed four-year contract. A three-year contract ended on May 19.

PETER TRIEVNOR

David Thomas, left, deputy chief executive, and John Jarvis see plenty of chances to buy hotels and will continue a strategy of individual purchases

Jarvis float includes £60m to fund further purchases

By Alasdair Murray

JOHN JARVIS, chairman and chief executive of Jarvis Hotels, said yesterday the company would have about £60 million to spend on expanding its hotel chain after this month's planned flotation.

Jarvis Hotels is aiming to raise £133 million when it floats on the stock marketon June 21. Shares in the company will be priced at between 150p and 170p, valuing the company at about £280 million.

Mr Jarvis said the money raised would be used to reduce debt and allow the company to continue with its investment and acquisition plans. The float will also allow the company's existing investors to realise part of their stakes and improve brand awareness.

About £60 million of the money raised will be used to reduce bank debts while the balance will be used to meet obligations to the institutional shareholders.

Mr Jarvis, who was previously head of Ladbroke's hotel division, is selling shares worth about £1.5 million at flotation but will continue to hold 2.8 million shares. Other leading investors, which include Candover, Electra, Charterhouse Development Capital and Kleinwort Benson Development Capital, will sell about a third of their stakes in the company.

The company, which was founded in 1990, owns and operates 62 mid-market hotels throughout the UK. The hotels also offer conference facilities and a chain of Sebastian Coe health clubs. Jarvis made a profit last year, excluding exceptional items, of £23 million. The company's assets are currently valued at £323 million.

Mr Jarvis said: "With gearing reduced to 29 per cent, we will have the necessary financial flexibility to continue growing. There are plenty of opportunities for new acquisitions in the middle market and we will concentrate on a strategy of individual purchases."

Mr Jarvis added that the company wanted to ensure expansion could continue after flotation without the need to make regular cash-calls on investors.

The company said that it will operate a progressive dividend policy with the first interim dividend to be paid for the 15 weeks to October 12.

The company added that trading this year had been encouraging and had met management expectations.

Pro-forma earnings per ordinary share would have been 9.9p for the year to the March 31, giving an historic price-earnings ratio of 16.2 times.

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Crest could force brokers out of business

THE number of stockbroking firms in the UK looks set to dwindle after next month's introduction of Crest, the new electronic stock exchange settlement system (Caroline Merrell writes).

The larger firms are predicting that some of the small and medium-sized companies could be forced to merge or could even go out of business because of the price of services offered by Crest and the costs that some brokers face in bringing their technology systems up to date to cope with the new system.

David Jones, chief executive of Sharelink, the UK's biggest execution-only stockbroker, said: "The problems might occur in the smaller firms, if they are going occur, five or six months down the line, when it comes to the complexity of consolidating electronic records."

Crest, which cost £29 million to set up, will be officially launched on July 15. Its aim is to bring in a paperless system of share dealing for both institutions and private investors alike.

Investors will be able to continue to use the old share certificate-based system of dealing, but some brokers are planning to make this more expensive than the electronic service. About 132 of the UK's 152 stockbrokers have so far registered with Crest.

Big increase in awards made by investment ombudsman

By Jody Brettkelly

THE TOTAL paid out by the investment ombudsman over complaints against the industry climbed from £13,848 to £222,018 in the year to April 30. Complaints nearly quadrupled, from 91 to 373.

Richard Youard, who is retiring after seven years as the investment ombudsman, said that the increases were not because the industry was worse but because his office now dealt with cases previously dealt with by the Investment and Management Regulatory Organisation, the industry watchdog. The biggest complaint concerned poor financial advice about savings and investment plans, followed by portfolio management and Peps.

Mr Youard said that in one case an adviser was aware a product was unsuitable but said he would have "his hands chopped off" if he did not recommend it.

Total claims jumped from £1.7 million to £2.4 million and the average claim rose from £5,800 to £11,900. The huge increase in the amount paid out was partly the result of a body of complaints about one company, whose fund management bore no relation to its literature. Investors opting for low-risk investment were put in high-risk stocks.

The results for the year show that 56 per cent of cases were in favour of the complainant, compared with 30 per cent the previous year. Mr Youard said: "Some would say that having lurched hysterically towards companies last year, I have now veered erratically back in favour of complainants. Rubbish!"

The highest payment increased from £3,900 to £23,884 and related to a failure to match the risk level specified by the investor. The claim is still being investigated.

Mr Youard said it was significant that the complainant decided to reduce his claim to £100,000 to bring it within the scheme rather than having to resort to the courts. "This is wholly unsatisfactory. The Small Claims Court has a limit of £1,000 and a proposed limit of £3,000. Whereas I have the power to make awards of up to £100,000. Is that right?"

The lowest payment remained unchanged at £20.

One of the ombudsman's new powers was to make awards of up to £750 for distress and inconvenience. Payments ranged from £20, where an investor was not advised properly about a Pep but suffered no financial loss, to £350 for an 82-year-old investor who incurred unnecessary Capital Gains Tax.

Woolwich takes care of deceased

By Robert Miller

WOOLWICH, the building society that plans to become a £3 billion bank next year, yesterday published details aimed at protecting the free share payout for members who have died since the end of last year or do so before the actual conversion.

In leaflets being handed out free at its 410 branches, the Woolwich says that in the event of a qualifying member dying the eligibility for free shares is protected in most cases.

The Woolwich, the UK's third-largest society, also outlined the terms of the variable payout for many of the 3.5 million qualifying savers and borrowers. All qualifying members will receive a standard free share payout worth roughly £750. However, those who have been members for more than two years will receive an extra helping of shares, providing they have a minimum overall account balance of £1,000 on both key dates — December 31, 1995 and the date of the special general meeting, which is likely to be in the first half of next year. The maximum overall balance to be taken into account when allocating extra shares is £50,000.

Donald Kirkham, acting chief executive, said: "It is not possible to publish full details of the proposed distribution of shares, but we are able to give members key information about the additional variable distribution and treatment of deceased members."

German bank rescues KHD

From AP in Cologne

KLOECKNER-Humboldt-Deutz (KHD), the German cement and engineering company brought to the brink of collapse by a fraud scandal, yesterday announced a rescue plan that includes new loans and concessions by its employees.

Under the terms of the agreement, Deutsche Bank, which already owns 48 per cent of the company, will inject an as-yet unspecified amount of fresh capital. In addition, the group's creditors will waive interest payments for 15 months, and property and leasing divisions in Cologne and Mannheim will be sold.

The company's 9,400 employees will give up a portion of their salary and future pensions and accept longer hours, the bank said. The cost of the rescue was not initially disclosed.

Three executives at a KHD subsidiary were dismissed last week after allegations that the subsidiary had covered up DM650 million in losses since 1993. The three executives worked for KHD Humboldt Wedag, one of the world's leading cement-makers. Prosecutors in Cologne have begun an investigation into 15 Wedag employees against whom KHD has filed complaints.

IP Groupe to sell 19% stake in Capital Radio

IP GROUPE, Capital Radio's largest shareholder, is selling its 19 per cent holding in a move that could raise £100 million (Sarah Bagnall writes).

IP Groupe has acquired its 13.8 million shares in the radio broadcaster over the past five years. IP made the purchases because there was potential for co-operation and joint development between the two companies. However, IP said yesterday that since its original investment, Capital Radio's financial and operational position has improved but opportunities for co-operation have been limited.

IP Groupe has instructed Goldman Sachs to manage the placing of the shares, of which half are expected to be sold to Dominfast, a subsidiary of IP Groupe. IP Groupe will buy put-and-call options over the Dominfast shares, which should result in the sale of the shares by 1997. Capital Radio's shares fell 1p to 696p.

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336	285	Aus New Z	285	- 3	6.5	7.0
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316	235½	Bank Scotland	272½	+ 2½	3.1	11.5
819	683	Barclays	781¼	+ 7½	4.2	10.2
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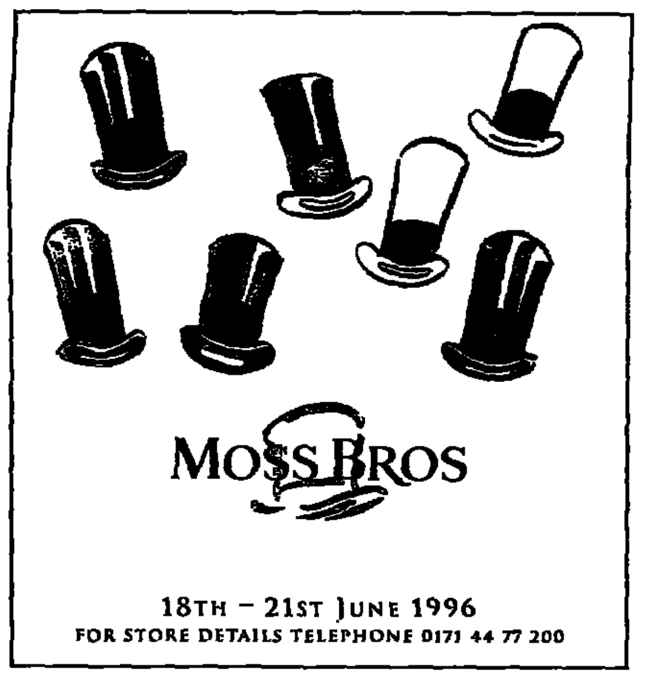
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Australia unveils biggest share offer

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA'S biggest public share offer got under way yesterday with the Government's sale of its remaining 50.4 per cent stake in Commonwealth Bank, the country's largest retail bank, which is expected to raise more than A$5 billion (£2.58 billion).

Under the two-tranche share offer, which is the first of its kind in Australia, investors will pay a first fixed installment of A$6 with a second installment payable by November 1997. The final share price will be announced next month.

Almost 400 million of the Government's shares, representing a stake of 40 per cent, will be offered for sale through the public offer. The remaining 10 per cent stake is to be sold to the Commonwealth Bank through a share buyback scheme.

Launching the share offer John Fahey, Australia's Minister for Finance, said: "This is a momentous event, not only in the history of the Commonwealth Bank, but also for the Australian financial community."

Up to 140 million shares, representing 35 per cent of the share offer, have been earmarked for institutional investors and there is no limit on how many shares may be acquired by UK and other foreign institutional investors. The partly paid shares will be entitled to three dividend payments before the second installment is due.

The public offer marks the third and final sale of shares in Commonwealth Bank by the Australian Government, which sold a 29.3 per cent stake in the bank in 1991 for A$1.7 billion and a 20.3 per cent stake in 1993 for A$1.3 billion.

Banking analysts in Sydney welcomed the two installment sale, saying that it would have been too big for the Australian stock market to swallow in one go.

One said: "It's a good deal. The dual installment structure means that you get a 15.5 per cent dividend yield on your shares and that's huge. I reckon the sale should go pretty well."

However, other analysts expressed concern that Commonwealth Bank's move last week to reduce its home loan interest rates by 0.6 per cent to 9.9 per cent could eat into next year's profits.

The bank chalked up a 19 per cent rise in net profits to A$542 million in the half year to December 1995. Commonwealth Bank shares closed up 4 cents at $10.04 on the Australian stock market.

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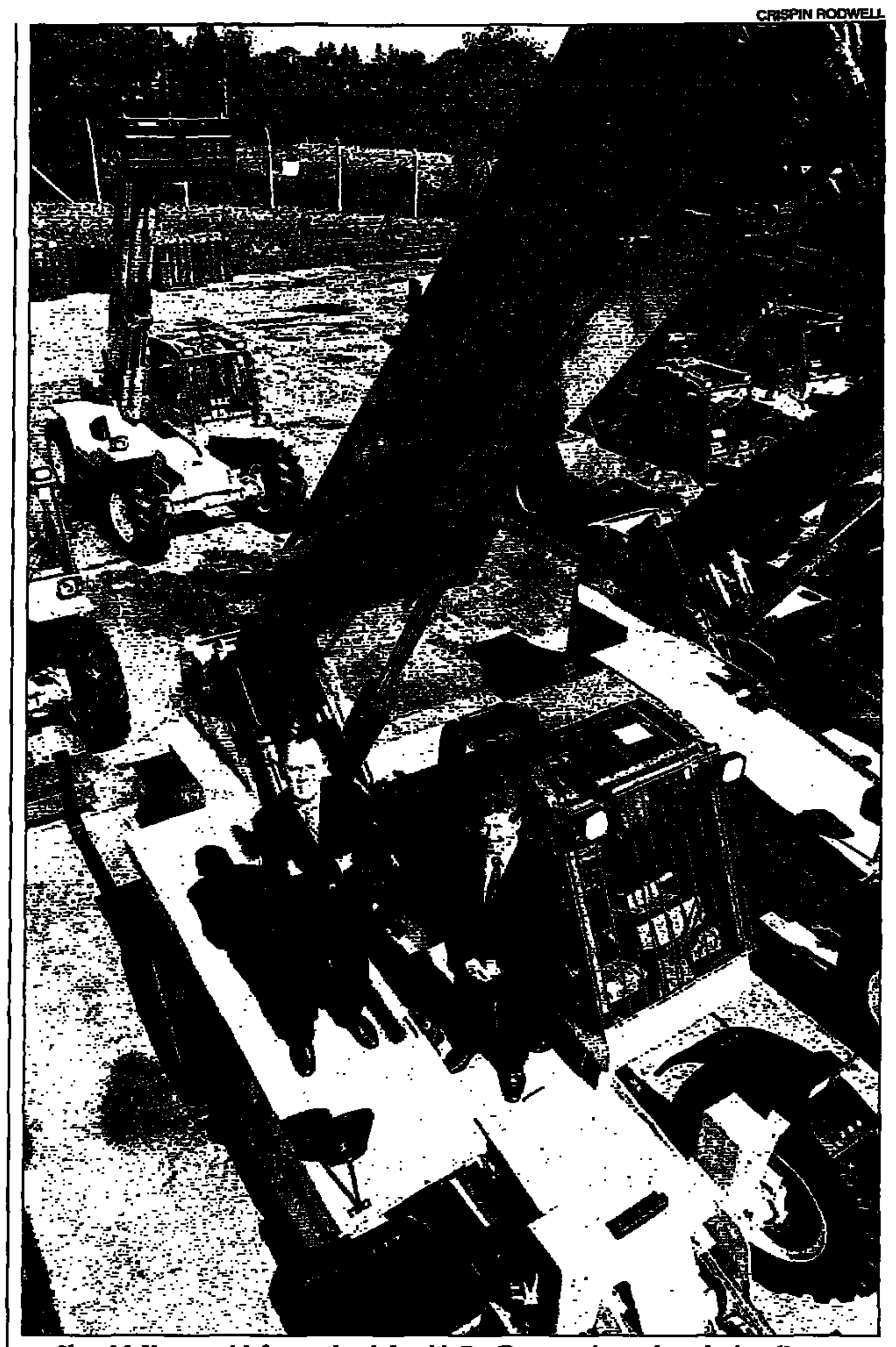

Shay McKeown, chief executive, left, with Pat Dooey, sales and marketing director

Powerscreen delivers a profits advance

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

POWERSCREEN, the screening, crushing and recycling group, increased profits last year and Shay McKeown, chief executive, said its order books were in a healthy state.

The company, based in Dungannon, Co Tyrone, made pre-tax profits of £36.1 million in the year ending March 31, compared with £29.1 million the previous year.

The company said the strong results were the result of its strategy of increasing the geographic spread of sales and expanding into new markets. Powerscreen now sells across Europe as well as in North America and the Far East.

John Craig, the company's chairman, said: "Order levels throughout the three divisions are healthy and ahead of last year. Further penetration of overseas markets is a primary aim of all companies within the group."

In September, Powerscreen acquired Pegson for £13.5 million in an attempt to give the crushing and recycling division a better mix. The group said the purchase had enhanced its crushing equipment range, contributed to its results and was performing well.

Last month, after the end of its financial year, the company bought US Truck Cranes from JLG Industries for $11.9 million. The Pennsylvania company designs and makes lorry-mounted hydraulic cranes.

A final dividend of 6.7p a share lifts the total to 9.2p, from 8.1p, payable from earnings of 30.5p a share, compared with 25p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

IMI to raise £105m from Timet holding

IMI, the international engineering group, is raising £105 million in cash from the sale of the bulk of its shareholding in Titanium Metals Corporation (Timet), a US-based company. The sale is at a £70 million profit to the shareholding's net book value of £35 million. IMI is raising a further £13 million from the repayment of a $20 million unsecured subordinated loan note.

Timet was formed last year from a merger of the titanium interests of IMI, Tremont Corporation and Union Titanium Sponge Corporation. IMI is reducing its shareholding from 38 per cent to 6.4 per cent as part of Timet's public offering, which was announced in May. At the time IMI said that it would raise between £92 million and £105 million from its participation in the offering. Timet's two leading shareholders have the option to purchase IMI's remaining stake for $16 million. The options will expire on February 15, 1999. IMI's shares fell 5p to close at 355p yesterday.

Price war hurts Frost

SHARES of Frost Group fell 8p to 101p after the independent petrol retailer warned shareholders that a prolonged price war has hit trading. James Frost, chairman, told the company's annual meeting that trading was worse than anticipated and that first-half sales would probably account for just one quarter of the year as a whole. He said rationalisation would continue in the industry and this would lead to mainly privately owned dealer sites being driven out of the market. "There will be fewer sites and fewer suppliers, and we anticipate Frost's business remaining a significant player," he added.

OMI losses deepen

OMI, the engineering group, announced deepening losses of £14 million in the year to March 31, compared to £4.2 million last time. The declining fortunes reflected £10.9 million of previously written off goodwill, which relates to businesses no longer part of the group. Overall the group made a £2.6 million operating loss, which OMI said was the combination of two very different half years. OMI lost £3.1 million in the first half, reflecting one-off costs related to the sale of non-core businesses and job cuts. The benefits began to feed through in the second half, wiht an operating profit of £500,000. There is no dividend.

No payout at Freepages

FREEPAGES GROUP, the classified directory information provider, reported pre-tax losses of £842,000 for the six months to March 31, compared with losses of £148,000 in the first half of the previous year. Losses per share were 1.35p (0.47p loss). There is again no interim dividend. These are the first results since the reverse takeover of Blagg and the company's admission to the Alternative Investment Market on February 27, and include just one month of trading of the Freepages business. The company said Freepages signed up 5,017 new customers in the first six months.

Optimistic Caffyns

CAFFYNS, the Sussex auto dealer, yesterday said there are grounds for optimism on prospects "for the first time in many years" after seeing a significant rise in profits for the first months of 1996. The company already anticipates strong sales in August. However, results for the financial year to March 31 revealed a slight fall in profits to £629,000 (£676,000) before tax. Earnings were 12.6p a share, compared with 14p. The final dividend is unchanged at 6.5p a share, holding the total at 11.5p. The shares closed unchanged at 290p.

Waddington to lift capacity

BY MARTIN BARROW

JOHN WADDINGTON, the packaging group which spent £30.3 million on capital investment last year, plans to invest a further £30 million during the current year to increase capacity.

The company's latest investment is intended to support the development of Waddington's pharmaceutical packaging and specialist printing activities. The company is hoping to increase its UK market share and win further orders from continental Europe.

Waddington yesterday reported a 33.2 per cent rise in profits from continuing activities to £29.4 million for the year to March 31 on turnover that increased to £286.6 million from £238.5 million.

At the pre-tax level, profits fell to £11.86 million from £53.3 million. However, the results were distorted by an exceptional charge of £13.76 million for the year just ended.

In addition, the company booked a £30.75 million profit in the previous year on the sale of its board games business.

There is a final dividend of 5.4p a share, making a total of 9.4p (8.7p). Adjusted earnings rose to 17.89p a share from 16.9p. The shares rose 6p to 248p.

Staveley dividend increase

BY OUR CITY STAFF

STAVELEY Industries, the measurement instruments and minerals company, is lifting the annual dividend for the first time since 1993 after achieving a 15 per cent rise in profits in the year to March 31.

Pre-tax profits improved to £23.2 million from £20.2 million on turnover that rose to £372.9 million from £342.2 million, the company reported yesterday. Roy Hitchens, Staveley's chief executive, said: "Our twin track approach of improving operational performance while refining strategic focus has begun to produce results."

However, in spite of the improved results announced yesterday, the company's shares fell 5p to finish the day at 219p.

The total dividend is increased to 9p a share from 8.5p, with a final 6.7p. The company's earnings improved to 16.4p a share from 13.6p a share.

Nelson Group Services, a technical maintenance company, and MMP Quality Inspections, acquired during the year, contributed revenues of £22.7 million and operating profit of £1.1 million. The acquisitions and restructuring of the measurement division contributed to a rise in borrowings. The interest charge rose £800,000 to £3.4 million.

ACCOUNTANCY

Options for fixed assets

David Chitty joins the debate on the ASB's consultative paper on the treatment of impairment

The Accounting Standards Board (ASB) recently published a discussion paper on the accounting treatment of impairments of tangible fixed assets. It is the first step in developing a new accounting standard for tangible fixed assets. Further proposals are expected later this year.

The paper supports the established principle that assets should not be included in the balance sheet at an amount greater than their recoverable amount. The paper aims to develop guidance as to how the recoverable amount should be calculated and to define what constitutes a diminution in value. There is no guidance on these matters in current UK standards.

The paper goes on to consider the accounting treatment of previously revalued assets. The proposals only require an impairment test where there is evidence of impairment — such as expected future losses, a significant adverse change in the business environment or a significant decrease in the market value of the asset.

This guidance is welcome. However, the methodology of the impairment test appears complex and involves the use of predicted future cashflows and discounting. The methodology makes accounts more difficult to understand for less sophisticated users, including the directors and shareholders of many smaller companies, and provides accountants with many creative opportunities.

The review of the accounting treatment will be influenced by international developments. A recently introduced US standard takes a broadly similar approach to impairment as the ASB's. On the wider subject of the full review of accounting for tangible fixed assets, existing US standards hold that all assets, except land, have a finite life and thus must be depreciated over their useful economic life.

In the US, upward revaluations of fixed assets, which are permitted in the UK, are not allowed. International accounting standards allow treatments, including upward revaluations, which are virtually identical to SSAPs 12 and 19. However, revisions in international standards resulting in the withdrawal of the exemption from depreciation given to investment properties are expected.

The European Commission is developing guidance on the direction of accounting in the European Union. Non-depreciation of all properties contravenes European law, and, as a result, there will be considerable pressure on the ASB to require all fixed assets to be depreciated.

Acceptance by the ASB of the international trend to require all fixed assets to be depreciated is inconsistent with the treatment that will be proposed for accounting for goodwill and intangible fixed assets in the wake of last October's public hearings. The ASB is proposing that under specific circumstances, intangibles may be regarded as having an infinite economic useful life and not be subjected to depreciation. Conceptually, there is no reason why tangible fixed assets with infinite or very long lives should not be treated in the same way as intangibles. This also encourages consistency in the output of the ASB.

Any change in accounting for fixed assets could have a fundamental impact upon reported earnings and hence dividend policy within the sectors that currently take advantage of the exemptions and permitted deviations. Although cashflows will not be affected by any requirement to depreciate all fixed assets, the impact upon earnings could be dramatic for confidence within the property sector or rapid growth, high-premium sectors, such as independent pub operators.

Damage to investor perception may restrict the ability of such sectors to raise funds and contribute to economic growth. The impairment proposals could result in the recognition of more diminution in value. However, to avoid reporting a diminution there may be pressure on accounts preparers to manipulate the impairment test to show that no diminution has occurred.

The ASB proposals for fixed-asset accounting could have far-reaching effects for several sectors of the UK economy. There are some good ideas on impairment, although the ASB must assess with care the methodology for the impairment test. It has the opportunity in its wider assessment to codify and review current UK practice to reflect economic realism, and to influence the international debate on this issue.

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JAMES MORGAN

David Chitty welcomes the new proposals from the ASB

Technology leads the tax revolution

THE tax world continues to startle. Ten years ago, tax was a discipline shared by a few of great importance, but hardly seen as central to the great corporate scheme of things. Not anymore. The tax world now talks of competitive cultures, of organisational structures and processors, performance measurement and technology, just as much as the rest of the corporate world. And there is more to come.

At present, I am in Chicago, on holiday, mostly watching baseball. But Chicago is also home to Arthur Andersen. And so I spent a morning this week with Harry Ruffalo, worldwide head of tax and business advisory services. He is full of talk of "re-engineering the tax department".

Tax has become more sophisticated. And with sophistication comes complexity. Equally, tax has become a global discipline. It has grown enormously over the past decade. Now we're about to see the result of those pressures. All these bright people doing extremely lucrative work are no longer happy to remain the back-room boys. Tax is about to become a highly visible business discipline.

The survey Andersen carried out into how large European multinationals manage their tax function bears this out. This found that 60 per cent felt that the status of the tax department within the group was high. But comments also revealed the tax departments were not always seen as units that provided or assisted profitability. "The legalistic method of reporting for tax jars with the profit motive," said one. The possible problems that might be created by the tax department being seen as being under pressure to come up with the results are obvious. But tax people felt undervalued. "There was a perception among many of the group's non-tax personnel outside of top management that the tax department was 'a bit of a black box'," said the survey.

It is that feeling of being stuck in a black box that motivates the need for change. No wonder that Jon Olson, head of Andersen's worldwide tax training, argues that "the tax director of the future is a risk manager; a cash manager; an influencer of legislation; a strategic and tactical thinker".

Part of the tax revolution we are seeing is also to do with the technical nature of the work. Tax is no longer an issue debated by a few. As an issue it has, in the past decade, come to dominate the political and, more significantly, the electoral process. Tax, to the occupants of a Clapham omnibus, used to represent a once-a-year Budget headline of 10p on booze and fags. Now it is a central and increasingly better understood issue. But there is some distance still to travel.

"Tax," said Ruffalo, "is the biggest expense that any company has, but it is also the least understood." This is a matter of corporate culture. "It is a question," he said, "of getting companies to understand that tax planning and decisions are a day-to-day process and not an historical once a year look."

Here technology is driving the change. Real-time financial reporting enables tax planners to work off current figures. Whereas traditionally this was always far from true.

In the US most companies work to a December year-end. But the tax accounts do not have to be filed until the following September. This gave the company nine months to reconfigurate their figures for tax purposes. The pressure to be able to produce the figures closer to the year end did not exist.

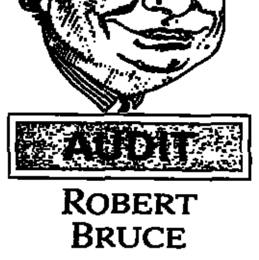
But it does now. The value of timely tax planning is obvious. Ruffalo's reasoning is down to earth. "Those companies which brought their tax people in have made a difference of maybe a couple of cents per unit and have made their product more competitive," he said.

And technology can provide such benefits. "Companies," said Ruffalo, "have not thought of tax in terms of their financial systems. So the tax people had to make their decisions after the systems had worked something out." But now technology allows you constantly to reconfigure the financial systems. Tax people work off current information. The opportunities for tax planning multiply. "Tax," in the words of Ruffalo, "should not be an after-thought".

And increasingly it will not be. And nor will its corporate practitioners. A few years ago the same happened for finance directors. Their expertise and understanding across the corporate structure propelled them to a central management importance.

Now the tax world talks in the same terms for the corporate taxation chiefs. As compliance work becomes more technologically routine the tax team will be freed. In Ruffalo's words "outstanding, creative people can be brought forward and the pay off is when they bring more value to their managements".

No wonder the talk is all of "the re-engineering of tax". And no wonder that Andersen in the UK is headed by a taxman.



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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Arthur Andersen changes places

THERE is a potentially alarming sign outside the worldwide headquarters of Arthur Andersen in the centre of Chicago. "Entire building available", it reads, and directs you to a local estate agent. Surely Andersen and its trademark double doors are not going to leave the city where it all started in 1913? Of course not. It is simply moving the headquarters across town. And, in any case, the original Arthur Andersen doors remain in their shrine at the firm's campus training centre outside town.

Sounds familiar

AUSTIN MITCHELL, the crusading MP for greater outside representation in the profession's affairs, would find himself at home in the US at present. The body that oversees the work of the Financial Accounting Standards Board is under pressure to boost its number with outsiders, rather than members of companies or audit firms, who direct its operations. *The New York Times* has even devoted a thunderous leader column to the topic. "Accounting standards are important because accountants provide the numbers that tell investors how well the companies are doing," it argued. Sir David Tweedie's influence is spreading.

Options on pay

THE other great topic in the US is executive pay, or rather the ability to boost pay through options. Daily disclosures of astronomical increases coupled with calculations of the ever-widening gap between executive pay levels and employee pay levels provoke widespread outbreaks of cynicism. One cartoon said it all this week. Under a banner of "Corporate Democracy", a chairman is depicted telling his board: "Okay. We have two options, so let's take a vote. Either we cut back our perks and use the revenue to improve our product. Or lay off a bunch of people below us and give ourselves a bonus."

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Bringing drunks down to earth

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HARVEY ELLIOTT

A curmudgeonly old relative once caused great amusement when, waking from a post-luncheon nap, he complained that he had a thumping headache because: "*They* gave me too much to drink."

The excuse put forward this week for the behaviour of the England football team on the Cathay Pacific flight from Hong Kong was of similarly feeble quality.

Cabin crew are trained to pamper passengers — especially those who have paid more than £2,500 to travel in business-class comfort. But the recipients of all their care and attention are in turn expected to behave properly and to know when to stem the flow of free drinks. Those who do not, and as a result cause damage or commit a criminal offence, face prosecution on landing — provided the aircraft is registered in Britain and the alleged incident took place in British airspace.

Cathay Pacific is registered in Hong Kong. Even though the colony is, for another year, British, Cathay is still regarded under British aviation law as "foreign". It would also have been almost impossible to tell whether the damage was caused in British or international airspace. So the England footballers could not have been prosecuted, whatever their alleged offences during the flight.

Had the culprits travelled with British Airways or Virgin, they probably would have been accused of criminal damage or perhaps endangering an aircraft. Some hardliners would, perhaps, say that the authorities should have invoked a clause in the Civil Aviation Act 1982, which would have held the alleged troublemakers in custody until they could be extradited for trial in Hong Kong.

Realistically, that was never going to happen, so the team escaped with a collective fine and a wigging from their manager.

But the incident has again raised the problem of how to deal with drunken or badly behaved passengers. Today Michael Colvin, MP, will try to steer a Private Member's Bill towards the creation of a law that would allow those who commit a crime on a plane to be prosecuted in Britain, wherever it is registered.

We can only wish him and his backers success, but even if all goes to plan it, will be August before the measure is on the statute book: too late to deal with any potential Euro 96 thugs.

It is a pity, because the charter airlines especially were making strides towards ridding themselves of the menace of drunken passengers.

Few of them now serve free drinks and they have made it clear that if the captain is concerned, he can divert, throw the problem passenger off, let him find his own way home, then take him to court to sue for the cost of the diversion.

Perhaps it is also time to consider taking duty-free items from passengers as they board to store in a sealed compartment, so that those denied alcohol on a flight cannot simply open their duty-frees instead.

And it is yet another reason for barring the use of "flags of convenience" — the foreign charter jets, whose British passengers would also be immune from prosecution — from being used in the British package-holiday market.

Bargains of the week — latest offers on holidays, ferries, flights and hotels

HOLIDAYS

■ RAVELLO's music festival runs from tomorrow until July 18and places are available for a week's holiday at the Hotel Parsifal on the Amalfi coast from June 21. Prices from Citalia start at £409 a person, including half-board and flight. Details: 0181-241 5111.

■ CRYSTAL Italy is offering savings of £100 on holidays to Florence starting on Saturday and continuing to July 13. Prices start at £375 a person for a week's bed and breakfast at a three-star hotel. Flights from Gatwick and Manchester. Details: 0181-390 5554.

■ THE Vendée coast for a week in a studio apartment for two adults and two children is available from £85.50 a person, including Portsmouth-Caen ferry crossings, from now until June 21 with Brittany Ferries. Details: 0990 360360.

■ TALL STORIES has a few places left on adventure holidays in June, including a week's mountain biking, paragliding and rafting in Austria from June 15 for £375 a person. Flights extra but special deals available. Details: 01932 252002.

■ GREEK islands are on offer from Inspirations, including Zante from £246 a person, with flights from Newcastle on June 21 and 28 and from Birmingham on July 4, plus Rhodes for £289 from Gatwick on June 26. Details: 01293 822244.

■ THE MALDIVES are on special offer from Kuoni, with a fortnight's half-board at Bodufinolhu costing from £739 a person, a saving of up to £150, until July 14. Flights from Gatwick. Details: 01306 740500.

■ SAVINGS of £50 a person for holidays in Corsica and Sardinia in July and August are being offered by Holiday Options, bringing the price for a family of four at a Corsican property, for example, down to £1,336 for a week's bed and breakfast. Return flights from Gatwick included. Details: 0171-637 4422.

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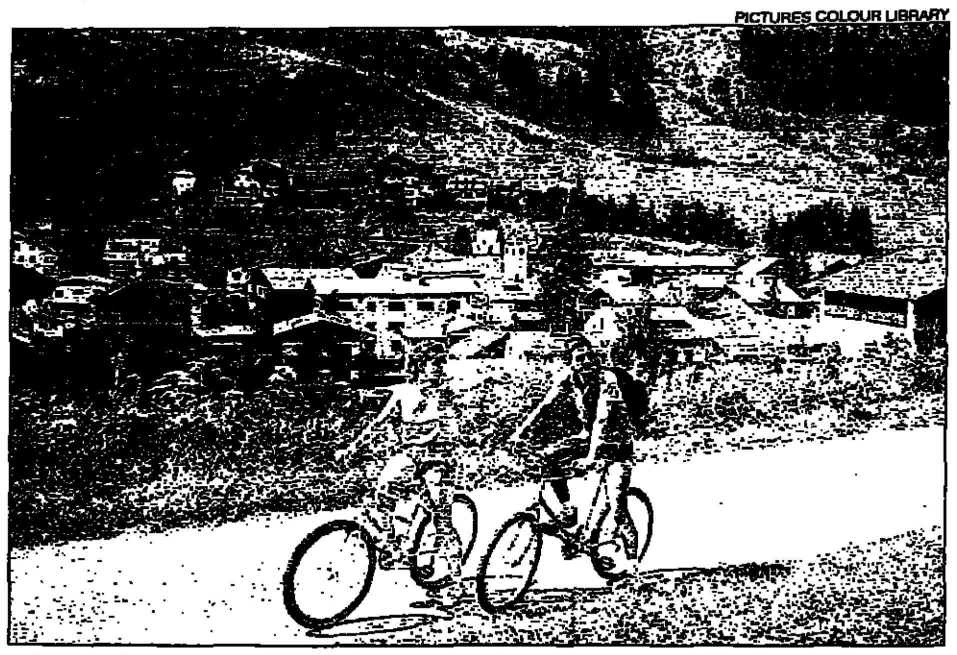

Riding the St Anton area: cycling holidays in Austria are on offer at £375 a person

FERRIES

■ SEA FRANCE offers a £37 two-day return crossing on Dover-Calais for a car and up to five people, available until July 12. Book 48 hours in advance. June day trips are £10 per car and £1 per person (£10 supplement on Saturdays). Details: 01304 204204.

■ STENA LINE has £39 two-day returns for a car and up to five people on its routes to Calais, Dieppe and Cherbourg, with day-trip prices at £15 per car and £1 per person. As with P&O, Stena guarantees it will match any other fares. Details: 0990 767676.

■ P&O European Ferries also has new fares for travel by July 15 to Calais, Le Havre or Cherbourg. A two-day ticket costs £39 for a car and up to five passengers. Details: 0990 980980.

■ RED FUNNEL has a special limited capacity £25 return fare on Southampton-Isle of Wight 11am sailings for a car and up to four people. Available Sunday to Friday (excluding Cowes Week, August 3-9). Details: 01703 334010.

■ SWANSEA Cork Ferries (01792 456116) is promoting Ford Cork Week, which is expected to draw 10,000 visitors to a series of international yacht races between July 15 and 19. Fares for a car and up to five passengers start at £119 one-way until July 16 (foot passengers £28.

FLIGHTS

■ CONCORDE fans can book to Indonesia and Saudi Arabia over the coming months. Flights to Jakarta (one-way £3,011) operate on June 23, while Jeddah (one-way £1,303) is served on July 4 and 11, also September 13. Details: 0345 222111.

■ FORMER BT customers who reconnect by June 30 qualify for discounts of up to 30 per cent for as many as four passengers on most British Airways published fares. Details: 0345 222111.

■ HOLDERS of London City Airport's City to Cities loyalty card qualify for a cut-price £120 return business fare to Paris CDG, flying with Air Jet. Details: 0171-476 6000.

■ TRAVELBUG has negotiated special fares from London and Manchester to Melbourne, flying Emirates Air via Dubai. Return fares cost £795 economy, £2,226 for business and £3,498 for first class; begins June 25. Details: 0161-740 8998.

■ THRICE daily flights between Gatwick and Edinburgh have been launched by British Airways. Details: 0345 222111.

■ MEMBERS of Eva Air's Evergreen loyalty scheme qualify for a £25 voucher redeemable against most tickets between London, Bangkok and Taipei. Details: 0171-837 5391.

HOTELS

■ THE Petersham Hotel, overlooking the Thames at Richmond and convenient for Ascot and Wimbledon, has a two-night "lobster and luxury" package available until the end of July for £119 a person. As well as room and breakfast, the price includes a special shellfish dinner. Details: 0181-940 7471.

■ THE Brighton Thistle Hotel, located on the seafront, has a special rate from July 5 until August 23 of £89 a double room a night, including breakfast, instead of the normal rate for two people of £164.50 a night. The offer is based on a minimum two-night stay. Details: 01273 206700.

■ SCOTTISH golfing hotel Gleneagles has a "summer whites" programme offering full board for two nights, with extra summer activities ranging from an Edwardian-style picnic to croquet, bowls and rafting on the River Tay. Price: £356 a person until the end of August. Details: 01764 662231.

■ THE Radisson Edwardian Group has relaunched its Marlborough Hotel in central London after a £2.75 million facelift with a weekend theatre-break package. Costing £97 a person, the price includes one night's accommodation with breakfast, a theatre ticket to a top show and discounted dining vouchers. Details: 0171-636 5601.

■ HILTON INTERNATIONAL's new summer promotion offers discounts of up to 30 per cent off regular rates at more than 140 hotels worldwide. Details: 0800 8568000.

■ MARRIOTT's summer leisure-break rates include complimentary room breakfast, late checkout on Sundays and a 20 per cent discount on dinners for two. Starting June 30, until September 3. Details: 0800 221222.

■ LEARN to play golf at Turnberry in Scotland for £675 a person for three night's accommodation, dinner, equipment hire and tuition. The final day will include a nine-hole round with a PGA professional. Details: 01655 331000.

■ QUEEN'S MOAT HOUSES' new "host of Europe" packages cover 30 four-star and five-star continental hotels, with prices starting from £104 a couple for two nights. The offer includes 20 per cent off P&O ferry crossings. Details: 0645 333666.

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Plantation failure in the Caribbean

By David Churchill

THE Jalousie Plantation resort in St Lucia, one of the Caribbean's top luxury hotels, closed down suddenly last week after reportedly sustaining substantial losses.

The leading tour operator Elegant Resorts said yesterday it had stopped booking British holidaymakers to the Jalousie Plantation earlier this year after receiving complaints from guests. "It is our policy to stop selling hotels where there are complaints and so we moved our guests to another luxury hotel on the island," the company said.

The 320-acre resort hotel, with 114 rooms and cottages, offered an all-inclusive holiday costing up to £3,600 per person for a two-week stay. This price covered not only accommodation but also all meals and drinks, a popular package offered in Caribbean hotels.

Observers believe the Jalousie Plantation's up-market clientele wanted a more select holiday than the all-inclusive deal it offered. "It was a very expensive product to try to sell," said Martin Gras, European vice-president for sales and marketing for Superclubs which operates a number of all-inclusive resorts around the Caribbean, but not the Jalousie.

"The type of guest the Jalousie appeared to attract were sophisticated and wealthy enough, for example, to want to choose their own wines rather than have access only to the limited list available. They are not the sort who wanted free American champagne instead of genuine French wines."

The Jalousie Plantation opened in the early 1990s after part of the estate was sold to outside investors including the Maldive family — believed to be of Iranian extraction. The hotel was located in an isolated part of the island on a former copra estate and opened amid some controversy about its impact on the local environment. The hotel offered all modern facilities, including a top restaurant, health and fitness bar and sports activities.

However, when David Brewer, the hotel's popular general manager who was widely known in the Caribbean, left last Christmas, it is believed the hotel's standards declined.

Under the financial restructuring plan currently being negotiated, the St Lucia Government is expected to invest some $4 million in the hotel, with $2 million from the Maldive family and another $2 million from a hotel operator, believed to be Hilton International.

Ladbroke, which owns Hilton International, said yesterday it was in talks with the hotel's owners and the St Lucian Government to take over the running of the hotel, with a planned reopening in the autumn. Although Hilton said it had not finalised plans for the hotel, it is likely to offer a four-star rather than a five-star service.

Jalousie's problems contrast sharply with the success of the Sandals Resorts on St Lucia which are full this month. Sandals St Lucia and the newly opened Sandals Halcyon Beach offer all-inclusive holidays for couples. Elaine Vaughan, Sandals' UK director of sales, said "the success of the all-inclusive concept is shown by the high occupancy and repeat guest ratio".

Row over Burma holidays

By Tony Dawe

TONY STONE

The Thatbyinnyu temple at Pagan, and (inset) Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the opposition to Burma's military regime

A LEADING holiday company is flying in the face of mounting opposition to the military regime in Burma by placing full-page glossy advertisements for a series of journeys through the troubled country.

Politicians, pressure groups and even some tour operators have urged holidaymakers to boycott Burma in protest at the "evil regime" which has continued to rule the country despite the victory of the main opposition party, led by Aung San Suu Kyi, in democratic elections in 1990.

Critics claim slave labour is being used to develop tourist sites and the US Government is contemplating a call for a world boycott of tourism to Burma. But Voyages Jules Verne of London has not mentioned the controversy in its advertisements. Instead, it claims that "the happiness and serenity of the Burmese people radiates from within and this is Burma's greatest gift to visitors: the opportunity to interact with its people."

Alan Jones, of the company's marketing department, says: "We are aware of some people's opinion of the Burmese Government but we believe everyone has the right to choose whether to visit the country. Tourism is all about opening up countries and is one way of changing them. We were one of the first companies to take people to China when some argued it was not right to do so. Now tourists are going in huge numbers."

Mr Jones said Voyages Jules Verne is looking for groups of 30 for each of its 30 weekly trips and added that it had acquired the Government's blessing.

Last month a joint letter about human rights abuses in Burma was sent by eight British holiday companies serving the country to the hotels and tourism minister in Rangoon. It expressed concern about reports of forced labour on tourism developments and of people being ordered to leave their homes because of new projects.

The letter added: "Travellers recently returned have told how their visit was spoiled by disruption to their itinerary, by restrictions on their movements and by government harassment."

The letter resulted from a meeting at the House of Commons organised by Tourism Concern, attended by holiday company representatives and politicians. Patricia Barnett, Tourism Concern's director, said: "This is the first time tour operators have made statements on human rights abuses related to tourism development ... we are very pleased they are taking such issues on board."

Among the signatories was Philip Normington of Exodus, who says: "We now tell prospective clients about the political situation in Burma and the human rights issues. There has been a drop in bookings and we shall probably run only three trips this year, compared with six last year. We try to ensure that our trips help the poor communities, but inevitably some money will go to the Government. We take the view, however, that isolating Burma would only increase the xenophobia of the generals."

TRAVEL NOTES

Moldova: a match too far?

BEFORE a ball has been kicked in the European Championship finals, which start at Wembley on Saturday, fans are being offered the chance to see England's first qualifying match in the World Cup finals in 1998.

The match is away against Moldova in September, but David Dryer Sports Tours believes enough supporters will want to see England's first game under Glenn Hoddle, the new manager, to justify the trip. The package includes return BA flights to Bucharest, onward flights with Moldova Airways to Kishiniev and three nights bed and breakfast in a hotel near the ground, all for £399.

Think small

One of Britain's smallest airlines is looking for air hostesses — but only anyone under 5ft 3in need apply. Cambridge-based Suckling Airways flies tiny Dornier aircraft on routes to Manchester, Norwich, Amsterdam and Ireland and anyone over that height would be too tall to stand in the cabin.

Cruising along

A ship originally destined to be a Russian minesweeper will tomorrow be named by the Duchess of Gloucester as a luxury cruise liner. The 12,000-ton Swan Hellenic's *Minerva* was converted from a Russian-built hull at Mariotto Shipyards in Genoa, Italy, and will be used for cultural cruises.

Pet hates

The things holidaying Britons hate most are mosquitoes, other British tourists and foreign food, according to a survey by Midland Bank. The survey also showed that nearly one in three people had suffered sunburn while away; almost one in five admitted to having had a holiday romance; and the things people missed were their own beds, followed by family and pets.

Vintage year

To the delight of wine-loving travellers to Spain, the rioja of 1995, of which a record 217 million litres were produced, has just been officially adjudged "excellent". Official tasters of Rioja's Consejo Regulador de la Denominación de Origen Calificada, which oversees the region's vineyards and controls the quality of their wine, sipped their way through more than 3,000 different samples.

Sitting pretty

The Alexander the Great Hotel in the Cyprus resort of Paphos has banned the use of an early-morning beach towel to grab the best sun-bed. Instead guests are issued with a ticket for a sun-chair.

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LOW RISK

In **China**, muggings in the main cities, sexual harassment and crime on trains are increasing. Foreigners are now regular targets. The Free Papua Movement (OPM) separatists is reported to be targeting US citizens and businesses for hostage-taking and sabotage in **Indonesia**. All travellers are advised to stay in the larger towns. Tough economic times in **Mexico** and **Venezuela** have brought violent street protests. In Venezuela there has been a surge in crime in Caracas. In Mexico an increase in robbery, kidnap and murder, especially in Mexico City and Cuernavaca, has led to calls for the return of capital punishment.

MODERATE RISK

Rising crime rates in **Bangladesh**, particularly Dhaka and Chittagong, make it a moderate risk area. An increase in the use of weapons is reported. Violence is also likely to precede the parliamentary elections on June 12. PKK Leader Abdullah Ocelan has again threatened the tourist industry in **Turkey** although so far no attacks have materialised. Travel in the southeast is not recommended. The lead-up to the June 26 local elections in the volatile KwaZulu-Natal region of **South Africa**, which includes Durban, could be marred by violence.

HIGH RISK

On May 24 **India** issued a nationwide alert ordering increased security at airports, stations and bus depots after fatal bombings in Delhi and Rajasthan. A recent change in the Islamic penal code in **Iran** means the death penalty for anyone convicted of revealing to foreigners national classified information, including economic, political, scientific and social. Business travellers should be extremely cautious in eliciting such information.

EXTREME RISK

Algeria remains an extreme risk area, with car bombs and assassinations plus last month's murder of seven French monks. Bujumbura, the capital of **Burundi**, has been declared a battle zone.

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Jersey woos the wedding trade

By Ian Murray

JERSEY is to go into the marriage business to compete with Caribbean islands offering all-inclusive wedding and holiday packages. The increasingly popular wedding and honeymoon holiday package is often significantly cheaper than a traditional white wedding.

At present, only those able to take a three-week break can have a Jersey wedding, because a couple have to register and stay for 18 days before formally tying the knot.

Legislation going through the island assembly, however, will cut the wait to two days for couples who make postal applications and complete all the paperwork before travelling there.

The new law, scheduled to be in force by the end of the year, will also help less organised couples who do not manage to send their application in by post. For them the waiting time after registering on the island will be cut to just ten days, enabling them to cram wedding and honeymoon into a fortnight.

Jersey is also moving upmarket, having shed 5,000 of its cheaper bed and breakfast rooms over the past five years and encouraged the owners of the remaining 20,000 to improve facilities.

Hotels such as l'Horizon, facing the wide sands on St Brelade's Bay, or the Atlantic, where the manicured lawns stretch down to the sunset, can compete with the best the Caribbean can offer. The Sea Crest at Petit Port, winner of the island's good food festival award this year, does things with oysters and red mullet that any chef would envy.

The tides are so high on Jersey that the island increases in size from 45 to 63 square miles at the ebb. Within that small area are crammed attractions as varied as a butterfly farm, a steam museum, an underground German hospital, an orchid research foundation and vineyards.

A new system of "green lanes" on more remote roads slows traffic to 15mph, encouraging walkers and cyclists. The British are still the island's main visitors, although there are 120,000 French day-trippers and a growing number from further afield in Europe. The Norwegians, thanks to a recent screening of *Bergerac*, are among the most enthusiastic new arrivals but it could be a kind of homecoming for some. For their ancestors, the Norsemen, conquered the islands more than 1,500 years ago.

EU arguments put flights at risk, reports **Harvey Elliott**

European air safety fears

THE safety of passengers flying on European airlines is being put at risk because of a lack of co-operation among governments within the community, claims the outgoing head of Britain's Civil Aviation Authority.

Sir Christopher Chataway, who retired at the end of last week as head of the body responsible for the safety and maintenance of all British-registered aircraft, is calling for a new European-wide body with absolute powers to control all aspects of airline operations to be set up immediately.

The existing voluntary organisation, known as the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA), is not working because of disagreements among individual member states, he says in a valedictory interview in *Travel News*.

"The whole area of safety is very worrying," he says. "The JAA has not proved up to the job of regulating operations and maintenance and therefore we have to have within Europe a new structure."

Sir Christopher: worried

Unless Europe's airlines had a single safety code within which to operate, "flags-of-convenience" airlines could proliferate with standards of maintenance which were not of the same uniformly high level and whose pilots were forced to work "unsafe" hours.

"It has been impossible to form the agreements needed to ensure safety on an informal club basis," says Sir Christopher. "We now have to have a new legally based system which will ensure that member states all operate under the same rules."

The long term aim, he says, is to obtain common aviation safety standards throughout the world so that passengers would know they were flying on aircraft maintained to, and flown at, the same high standard wherever they travelled.

He predicts that the CAA will hand over all its regulatory powers and its control of air fares to a central European body within the next few years. Its responsibility for air traffic control over Britain, he says, will either be privatised or established, under a Labour government, as a separate state-controlled enterprise.

This week Sir Malcolm Field, former chief executive of WH Smith, took over from 65-year-old Sir Christopher as chairman of the CAA.

In his farewell interview, Sir Christopher says his greatest disappointment during his five-year chairmanship of the CAA was failing to achieve a new way of funding air traffic control.

Law Report June 6 1996 Privy Council

Finance company entitled to recover advance from mortgagors

Goss v Chilcott

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Steyn, Lord Hoffmann and Lord Cooke of Thorndon

[Judgment May 23]

By a claim in restitution, a finance company was entitled to recover from mortgagors the amount of an advance made to them which was secured by a mortgage over their property even though by reason of alteration to the mortgage instrument they had been discharged from liability thereunder.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held in dismissing an appeal by the appellants, Murray Stanley Goss and Jennifer Roseanne Goss, from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand ([1995] NZLR 263) allowing an appeal by the respondent, Laurence George Chilcott as liquidator of Central Acceptance Ltd, from Mr Justice Neazor in the High Court of New Zealand who had dismissed the respondent's action against the appellants.

Mr Christopher Walshaw, of the New Zealand Bar, for the appellants; Mr John Reardon, of the New Zealand Bar, for the respondent.

LORD GOFF said that the company had made an advance to the appellants secured by a mortgage.

The mortgage instrument was subsequently altered by a solicitor, Mr Haddon, in circumstances in which, on the authority of cases stretching back to *Pigot's Case* ((1614) 11 Co Rep 26b), the appellants were discharged from liability under the instrument from the date of the alteration. The question was on what basis, if any, the company was entitled to recover the amount of the advance from the appellants.

Mr Haddon, a director of a small finance company, had put forward a proposal for a loan to the appellants. Mrs Goss was his sister. The proposal, which was agreed to, was for an advance of NZ$30,000 for three months on the security of the appellants' property.

On May 6, 1987, a cheque for $30,000 drawn on the company's account was paid to Haddon Marshall & Co for the credit of the mortgagors. The mortgage was executed and secured a principal sum of $30,000 repayable on August 6, 1987, carrying interest payable on three dates.

Mr Goss's evidence was that Mr Haddon had told him that he wanted to borrow $30,000 but as a director could not borrow from the company. Mr Haddon had asked him to give a mortgage over his property on the basis that Mr Haddon would repay the loan in three months and then have the security cancelled. Mr Goss had agreed.

The mortgage was subsequently altered, the repayment date being amended to May 6, 1988, and the interest dates were also amended. That was done without the mortgagors' authority or knowledge.

Only two repayments were made to the company in respect of the loan: $914.25 on July 31, 1987, and $2,625 on November 6, 1987. Both were appropriated to interest due.

Mr Goss said that in September, 1987, Mr Haddon had led him to believe that the loan had been repaid and the security cancelled. The company commenced proceedings against the appellants and Mr Justice Neazor reached a number of conclusions on the facts which were accepted by the Court of Appeal.

He held that there were two transactions: a loan by the company to the appellants, secured by a mortgage on the appellants' property, and a personal loan of the same sum by the appellants to Mr Haddon. He rejected a submission by the appellants that they had never received the money, which had been paid to Mr Haddon whom they had authorised to receive it.

He held that the mortgage instrument was in the possession of Mr Haddon at the time when it was altered; and that the possession of Mr Haddon at that time had to be held to have been the possession of the company.

He held that the company was unable to sue the appellants on the mortgage instrument and that its alternative claim for money had and received failed because there had been no failure of consideration for the advance, consideration having been furnished for it in the form of a valid registrable mortgage.

The Court of Appeal likewise rejected the company's claim under the mortgage instrument, but held it was entitled to rely simply on the advance, and an agreement to repay it in three months, together with an implied agreement to pay monthly interest.

They held that the company was entitled to recover the advance but not interest and gave judgment against the appellants for $26,460.75, the capital sum of the advance, which was treated as having been reduced by the two payments of interest.

Mr Reardon felt unable to uphold the Court of Appeal's decision that the outstanding advance could be claimed as a debt notwithstanding the avoidance of the mortgage instrument, or that a preceding oral agreement by the appellants to repay the advance survived the discharge of the appellants from liability under the mortgage instrument.

Their Lordships were unable to agree with Mr Justice Neazor's conclusion that the company could not succeed on its claim in restitution because there had been no total failure of consideration for the loan.

The advance was paid by the company to Haddon Marshall & Co, as solicitors. After execution of the mortgage instrument it was then available to the appellants but was in fact received by Mr Haddon, as agreed between him and the appellants.

In those circumstances the loan appeared to have been advanced to the appellants pursuant to the terms of the mortgage instrument, the consideration for the advance being expressed to be the personal covenants by the appellants to repay the advance upon those terms.

But the consideration, necessarily implicit if not explicit in every loan contract, was the consideration necessary for the formation of the contract; and, as Viscount Simon, Lord Chancellor, had observed in *Fibrosa Spolka Akcyjna v Fairbairn Lawson Combe Barbour Ltd* ([1943] AC 32, 48):

"when one is considering the law of failure of consideration and of the quasi-contractual right to recover money on that ground, it is, generally speaking, not the promise which is referred to as the consideration, but the performance of the promise . . . there are endless examples which show that money can be recovered, as for a complete failure of consideration, in cases where the promise was given but could not be fulfilled."

In the case of a loan of money any failure by the borrower to repay the loan, in whole or in part, by the due date, would ordinarily give rise to a claim in contract for repayment of the part of the loan which was then due. There would generally be no need to have recourse to a remedy in restitution.

But that course was not open to the company, because the appellants had been discharged from their obligations under the mortgage instrument and so the company had to seek recovery in restitution.

If the appellants had been discharged from liability when they had paid nothing, by way of principal or interest, to the company there was no reason in principle why it should not be able to recover the amount of the advance on the ground that the money had been paid for a consideration which had failed: namely, the failure of the appellants to perform their contractual obligation to repay the loan, there being no suggestion of any illegality or other ground of policy which precluded recovery in restitution in such circumstances.

Although no part of the principal sum had been repaid, two instalments of interest had been paid and the question was whether they precluded recovery on the basis that the failure of consideration for the advance was not total. Their Lordships did not think so.

The function of the interest payments was to pay for the use of the capital sum over the period for which the loan was outstanding, which was separate and distinct from the obligation to repay the capital sum itself. It was both legitimate and appropriate for present purposes to consider the two separately.

Since it was unknown when the mortgage instrument was altered, it could not be known whether the interest payments had fallen due beforehand. If so, there would have been no failure of consideration in respect of the interest payments rendering them recoverable by the appellants; but that would not affect the conclusion that there had been a total failure of consideration in respect of the capital sum, so that the latter would be recoverable by the company in full on that ground.

If the second interest payment did not fall due until after the avoidance of the instrument, the consideration for that interest payment would have failed, at least if it was payable in advance, and it would prima facie be recoverable by the appellants on the ground of failure of consideration; but that would not affect the conclusion that the capital sum would be recoverable by the company also on that ground.

Since no part of the capital sum had been repaid, the failure of consideration for the capital sum would plainly have been total. But even if part of the capital sum had been repaid, the law would not hesitate to hold that the balance of the loan outstanding would be recoverable on the ground of failure of consideration; for at least in those cases in which apportionment could be carried out without difficulty, the law would allow partial recovery on that ground.

With the development of a law of restitution founded upon the principle of unjust enrichment, the defence of change of position was widely applicable at common law. Even so, their Lordships were unable to accept that there was a change of position by the appellants which rendered it inequitable to require them to make restitution.

From the beginning the appellants were under an obligation to repay the advance once it had been paid to them or to their order; and that obligation was unaffected by them allowing the money to be paid over to Mr Haddon.

The alteration of the mortgage instrument discharged their contractual obligation to repay the money; but they had nevertheless been enriched by the receipt of the money, and prima facie were liable in restitution to restore it.

In allowing the money to be paid to Mr Haddon, they had deliberately taken the risk that he would be unable to repay the money, whereupon they would have to repay it without recourse to him.

Since any action by them against Mr. Haddon would now be fruitless they were seeking, by invoking the defence of change of position, to shift that loss on to the company. They could not do so.

The fact that they could not now obtain reimbursement from Mr Haddon did not in the circumstances render it inequitable for them to be required to make restitution to the company in respect of the enrichment which they had received at the company's expense.

Accordingly, their Lordships recommended that the appeal should be dismissed.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith; Simmonds Church Smiles.

Tax payable when benefit is available

Templeton (Inspector of Taxes) v Jacobs

Before Mr Justice Jonathan Parker

[Judgment May 22]

Liability to Schedule E income tax for benefits in kind provided by reason of a taxpayer's employment under section 154 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 did not arise until such time as the benefit became available to the taxpayer for his enjoyment.

Mr Justice Jonathan Parker so held in the Chancery Division when allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination of a special commissioner (Mr T. H. K. Everett) that had reduced a Schedule E tax assessment raised on the taxpayer, Mr Mark S. Jacobs, for the year 1991-92.

The commissioner had held that the benefit, being an amount of £20,908 paid to building contractors for a loft conversion at the taxpayer's home, was assessable in the tax year in which the payment was made, and not during the year in which the building work was completed and the conversion available for use.

Section 154 of the 1988 Act provides:

"(1) . . . Where in any year a person is employed . . . and — (a) by reason of his employment there is provided for him . . . any benefit to which this section applies . . . there is to be treated as emoluments of the employment, and accordingly chargeable to tax under Schedule E, an amount equal to whatever is the cash equivalent of the benefit."

Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown; Mr Patrick Way for Mr Jacobs.

MR JUSTICE JONATHAN PARKER said that in January 1991 Mr Jacobs had accepted an offer of employment by City Electrical Factors Ltd to commence on May 1, 1991.

The employment required him to work from home and CEF had agreed to carry out a loft conversion at Mr Jacobs' home to provide him with an office.

In March 1991 CEF paid £20,158 to the builders for the conversion. The work began in July and the loft was available for use as as office from September 1991.

From April 1991 CEF paid Mr Jacobs rent at the rate of £4,800 for that part of his house used as his office. He had conceded that he had obtained a benefit from the installation of the conversion.

The commissioner found that a binding obligation had been entered into by Mr Jacobs' future employer; CEF did everything which it had to do to fulfil its commitment before April 6, 1991. Nothing further remained for CEF to do during the following tax year.

There was no claw-back arrangement in the event of an early termination of Mr Jacobs' employment with CEF. His employment with CEF did not commence until May 1, 1991, and therefore he was outwith the terms of section 154.

Mr Brennan said that the commissioner's approach was incorrect. Mr Jacobs had no rights in or under the contract between CEF and the builders. The relevant benefit, he submitted, was "provided" when received by Mr Jacobs: when he got it.

His Lordship agreed Mr Brennan's submissions were correct. No benefit was "provided" for the purposes of section 154 until the benefit in question became available to be enjoyed by the taxpayer.

Prior to that point in time there could be no relevant benefit to the taxpayer in respect of which a charge to tax could arise.

Arrangements made by an employer or steps taken by him were not the touchstones for deciding when the benefit had been provided.

The commissioner had erred and the benefit to Mr Jacob fell to be assessed for the year 1991-92.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Nabarro Nathanson.

Battered woman syndrome defence

Regina v Thornton (Sara Elizabeth)

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Hidden and Mrs Justice Ebsworth

[Judgment December 13]

A defendant suffering from battered woman syndrome could not succeed in relying on provocation unless the jury considered that she had suffered or might have suffered a temporary loss of self-control at the time of the killing.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated when allowing an appeal by Sara Elizabeth Thornton against conviction at Birmingham Crown Court after a nine-day hearing before Mr Justice Igor Judge and a jury in February 1990 on a charge of murdering her drunken second husband after a stormy marriage of less than a year. She had stabbed him when he was lying on a sofa with a kitchen knife she had sharpened.

A previous appeal in 1991 was dismissed. The Home Secretary decided in 1993 not to refer the case back to the Court of Appeal but after further representations on her behalf the case was referred under section 17(1)(a) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968. On the hearing of the Home Secretary's reference fresh medical evidence about the appellant's personality disorder relevant to provocation was admitted.

An order was made prohibiting reporting of the judgment until after retrial at the crown court.

Mr Michael Mansfield, QC and Mr Edward Fitzgerald, QC, for the appellant; Mr Brian R. Escott Cox, QC, for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said, reliance having been placed on the appellant's suffering from battered woman syndrome, the principle was that a defendant, even if suffering from that syndrome, could not succeed in relying on provocation unless the jury considered she suffered or might have suffered a sudden and temporary loss of self-control at the time of the killing.

That was not to say that battered woman syndrome had no relevance to the defence of provocation. The severity of such a syndrome and the extent to which it might have affected a particular defendant would no doubt vary and was for the jury to consider.

However, it might be relevant in that, first, it might form an important background to whatever triggered the actus reus. A jury might more readily find there was a sudden loss of control triggered by even a minor incident if the defendant had endured abuse over a period, on the last straw basis.

Second, depending on the medical evidence, the syndrome might have affected the defendant's personality so as to constitute a significant characteristic relevant to the question whether the hypothetical reasonable woman possessing the appellant's characteristics would have reacted to the provocative conduct so as to do what the appellant did.

The crucial first question was whether, in fact, the appellant herself was caused suddenly to lose her self-control by that conduct.

In relation to the appellant's personality disorder and the further medical evidence which raised the element of battered woman syndrome as relevant characteristics for consideration, the jury would have been given directions in accordance with the light of authorities decided after the trial and medical knowledge which had progressed considerably since then.

The fresh evidence and clarification of the law cast doubt on the basis of the jury's verdict, which could not be regarded as safe and satisfactory. Public interest required that a retrial be ordered.

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co; Crown Prosecution Service, Warwickshire.

European Law Report

Luxembourg

Liability to pay damages over ban on export of live animals

Regina v Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ex parte Hedley Lomas (Ireland) Ltd

Before G. C. Rodríguez Iglesias, President and Judges C. N. Kakouris, D. A. O. Edward, G. Hirsch, G. F. Mancini, F. A. Schockweiler, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, P. J. G. Kapteyn, J. L. Murray, H. Ragnemalm and L. Sévon

Advocate General P. Léger

(Opinion June 20, 1995)

[Judgment May 23]

The refusal by one member state to grant a licence for the export to another member state of live sheep for slaughter, which constituted a quantitative restriction on exports in breach of article 34 of the EC Treaty, could not be justified, under article 36, by the first member state's belief that the second member state was not complying with an EEC directive relating to the protection of animals intended for slaughter.

A member state had an obligation to make good damage caused to an individual by a refusal to issue an export licence in breach of article 34, if certain conditions were satisfied.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on a reference for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court, by order of December 6, 1993.

Article 36 of the Treaty provides: "The provisions of articles 30 to 34 shall not preclude prohibitions or restrictions on . . . exports . . . justified on grounds of . . . the protection of health and life of . . . animals. . ."

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

Council Directive 74/577/EEC of November 18, 1974 on stunning of animals before slaughter (OJ 1974 L316 p10) was intended to remove the disparities between the legislation of member states in the field of protection of animals which directly affected the functioning of the common market.

It also sought, in general, to avoid all forms of cruelty to animals and, as a first step, unnecessary suffering on the part of animals when being slaughtered. Articles 1 and 2 required member states to ensure the stunning, by appropriate approved methods, of certain animals for slaughter, including sheep.

The directive did not harmonise procedures for monitoring compliance with its provisions.

The directive was transposed in Spain in 1987 by a decree which reproduced in particular articles 1 and 2. It did not lay down any penalty for breach of its provisions.

Despite the adoption of that decree, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food became convinced, in particular on the basis of information obtained from the Spanish Society for the Protection of Animals, that a number of Spanish slaughterhouses were not complying with the rules in the directive, either because they did not have the necessary equipment for stunning animals or because the equipment was not being used correctly or at all.

Although it did not have sufficient evidence as to the overall position in Spanish slaughterhouses, the ministry formed the view that the information in its possession indicated a degree of non-compliance with the directive such as to create a substantial risk that animals exported to Spain for slaughter would suffer treatment contrary to the directive.

Accordingly, between April 1990 and January 1993 the ministry sytematically refused to issue licences for the export to Spain of live animals for slaughter.

After the United Kingdom and Spanish Governments had drawn up measures to ensure that animals sent from the United Kingdom for immediate slaughter in Spain would be sent only to slaughterhouses which the Spanish authorities had confirmed as meeting Community requirements on animal welfare, the general ban was lifted with effect from January 1, 1993.

An application by Hedley Lomas in 1992 for an export licence for live sheep intended for slaughter in a specified Spanish slaughterhouse was refused, even though, according to information obtained by Hedley Lomas, that slaughterhouse had been approved since 1986 and was complying with Community directives on animal welfare, and the United Kingdom authorities did not have any evidence to the contrary.

Hedley Lomas brought proceedings seeking a declaration that the refusal of an export licence was contrary to article 34 of the Treaty, and damages.

The ministry did not deny that the refusal constituted a quantitative restriction on exports, but argued that it was justified under article 36.

The Divisional Court's first question concerned the issue of justification.

That question was to be answered against the factual background in the present case that the ministry's general refusal of export licences for Spain was based solely on the conviction that a certain number of Spanish slaughterhouses were not complying with Directive 74/577 and that there was a significant risk that animals exported to Spain would, on slaughter, undergo treatment contrary to the directive.

The protection of the health and life of animals referred to in article 36 constituted a fundamental requirement recognised by Community law.

However, recourse to that article was not possible where Community directives provided for harmonisation of the measures necessary to achieve the specific objective which would be furthered by reliance on that provision.

That exclusion of recourse to article 36 could not be affected by the fact that, in the present case, the directive did not lay down any Community procedure for monitoring compliance or any penalties in the event of breach of its provisions, since that simply meant that the member states were obliged, in accordance with articles 5 and 189 of the Treaty, to take all measures necessary to guarantee the application and effectiveness of Community law.

In that regard, the member states had to rely on trust in each other to carry out inspections on their respective territories.

A member state could not unilaterally adopt, on its own authority, corrective or protective measures designed to obviate any breach by another member state of rules of Community law.

The Divisional Court also asked a question in relation to damages.

The court referred to its holding in Joined Cases C-46/93 and C-48/93 *Brasserie du Pêcheur SA v Federal Republic of Germany* (*The Times* March 7; [1996] 2 WLR 506, paragraph 51) that individuals had a right to reparation in the case of a breach of Community law attributable to a member state acting in a field in which it had a wide discretion to make legislative choices, where three conditions were met, and said that those three conditions were also applicable in the circumstances of the present case.

With regard to the first condition, that the rule of law must be intended to confer rights on individuals, article 34, while imposing a prohibition on member states, also created rights for individuals which the national courts had to protect: (Case 83/78) *Pig Marketing Board v Redmond* ([1978] ECR 2347, paragraphs 66 and 67).

As to the second condition, that the breach must be sufficiently serious, where, at the time it committed the infringement, the member state was not called on to make any legislative choices and had only considerably reduced, or even no, discretion, the mere infringement of Community law might be sufficient to establish the existence of a sufficiently serious breach.

In that respect, in the present case the United Kingdom was not even in a position to produce any proof of non-compliance with the directive by the particular slaughterhouse in question.

The third condition, that there must be a direct causal link between the breach of the obligation resting on the state and the damage sustained, was a matter for the national court to determine.

The Court then referred to further relevant requirements laid down in Joined Cases C-6/90 and C-9/90 *Francovich v Italian Republic* (*The Times* November 20, 1991; [1995] ICR 722; [1991] ECR I-5357) and *Brasserie du Pêcheur*.

On those grounds, the Court of Justice ruled:

1 Community law precluded a member state from invoking article 36 of the EC Treaty to justify a limitation of exports of goods to another member state on the sole ground that, according to the first state, the second state was not complying with the requirements of a Community harmonising directive which pursued the objective which article 36 was intended to protect but did not lay down either any procedure for monitoring their application or any penalties in the event of their breach.

2 A member state had an obligation to make reparation for the damage caused to an individual by a refusal to issue an export licence in breach of article 34 of the Treaty where the rule of Community law infringed was intended to confer rights on individuals, the breach was sufficiently serious and there was a direct causal link between the breach and the damage sustained by the individuals.

Subject to that reservation, the state must make good the consequences of the loss or damage caused by a breach of Community law attributable to it, in accordance with its domestic law on liability.

However, the conditions laid down by the applicable domestic laws must not be less favourable than those relating to similar domestic claims or framed in such a way as in practice to make it impossible or excessively difficult to obtain reparation.

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The Insolvency Act 1986
MAYCAST PRECISION PRODUCTS LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 3-5 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, Herts. WD1 7HG on the 21st day of June 1996 at 2.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99-101 of the said Act.

On the two business days preceding the day of the meeting a list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge, at 3-5 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, Herts. WD1 7HG.

Dated this 31st day of May 1996
By Order of the Board
P E MAYO, Secretary

MORAY DESIGNS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London, W2 6LF, on 28th June 1996 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Dated this 3rd June 1996
GILLIAN CROOK, Director

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A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Dated this 30th May 1996
C P TIBBER, Director

NAME OF COMPANY (COMPANY NUMBER)

Allmacadams Surfacing Limited: 490797. Appleton Fuel Service Limited: 254502. Arthur D.Lloyd (Surfacing) Limited: 1307176. Asphalt Milling Limited: 1564759. Biodean Limited: 1198528. Boxtarget Limited: 2015462. City Petroleum (Andover) Limited: 2290696. Coles (Grantham) Limited: 296316. Colcon (JP-PP Limited): 1671094. Colcon House Builders Limited: 1324746. Colcon Street Lighting Limited: 1663663. Don Fibres Limited: 775176. Geotextiles Limited: 1462093. Glossop Bitumen Limited: 229196. Glossop Cobalo Limited: 172980. Glossop Pitch Limited: 431321. Glossop Properties Limited: 241913. Glossop Shale Limited: 542573. Glossop Tar Limited: 1172366. Gold Card Services Limited: 2068326. Hurricane Lead Limited: 749941. International Refining Co.Limited: 288671. Kenninghall Welding and Engineering Co. Limited: 408660. Lancaster Lead Limited: 58961. Lancastrian Oils Limited: 2054786. Lubricants Producers Limited: 36744. Mains and Lighting Limited: 1466676. N.E. Fuel Gas Services Limited: 1452102. Node Management Services Limited: 916208. Petroleum Services (Leeds) Limited: 891284. Power Fuels Limited: 1680349. Rampart Packaging Limited: 684360. Robo Scaffolding Limited: 2058888. Slurrymac Limited: 1466641. Strata Roofing Limited: 1840620. Townson Asphalt Limited: 219642. Viking Asphalt Limited: 1606494. Wilson & Jubb Limited: 241408. Zeppelin Lead Limited: 487837.

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Note: the companies are able to pay all their known creditors in full

Dated: 29 May 1996
R Smith, Liquidator

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
In the matter of Facia Limited
and
in the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986

Registered number: 2946199. Former company name(s): None. Trading name: None. Nature of business: Investment Holding Company. Trade classification: 38. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 1 June 1996. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): United Mizrahi Bank Limited. AB Thompson, RH Oldfield, RCJ Taylor, Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no. 6413 & 2518) (office holder no. 6017). KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP, United Kingdom.

In the Matter of Pirbic Organisation Limited
And in the Matter of the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, I, L A Manning of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, give notice that on 9 May 1996 I was appointed Liquidator of Pirbic Organisation Limited by resolutions of members. This appointment was subsequently converted to a Creditors Voluntary Liquidation pursuant to S95 of The Insolvency Act 1986 and confirmed by the creditors of the Company on 15 May 1996.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 5 July 1996 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned L A Manning of 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.

Dated: 20 May 1996
L A Manning, Liquidator

La Maison (Textiles) Limited
In Administrative Receivership
Registered Number: 1869819

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA on 13 June 1996 at 11.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 12 June 1996 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

G S Kinlan, Joint Administrative Receiver

KENKAY LIMITED

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A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Dated this 30th May 1996
C P TIBBER, Director

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A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Dated this 3rd June 1996
RJ WOODS, Director

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
In the matter of Tore Fashion Limited
and
In the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986

Registered number: 3000424. Former company name(s): None. Trading name: None. Nature of business: Retailing. Trade classification: 17. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 1 June 1996. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): United Mizrahi Bank Limited. AB Thompson & S Treharne, Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no. 6413 & 6777). KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP, United Kingdom.

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In the matter of Contessa Limited
and
In the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986

Registered number: 849905. Former company name(s): None. Trading name: None. Nature of business: Retailing. Trade classification: 17. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 1 June 1996. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): United Mizrahi Bank Limited. AB Thompson, MD Blake, Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no. 6413 & 7892). KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP, United Kingdom.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
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and
In the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986

Registered number: 706035. Former company name(s): None. Trading name: None. Nature of business: Retailing. Trade classification: 17. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 1 June 1996. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): United Mizrahi Bank Limited. AB Thompson & S Treharne, Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no. 6413 & 6777). KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP, United Kingdom.

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Redford and Pfeiffer strike no sparks in the "newscaster comes good" drama of *Up Close & Personal*

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... but Spike Lee disappoints with *Girl 6*, his loud and vacuous trip into the world of phone sex

■ FILM 4

... and *Vampire in Brooklyn*, with Eddie Murphy, falls uncertainly between comedy and horror

Talking heads on a road to nowhere

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** sees two big Hollywood stars give birth to a bore in the weepie *Up Close & Personal*

In **Up Close & Personal** Michelle Pfeiffer, a Miami television station's new recruit, is stumbling through her first, and last, weather report, wearing outsize sunglasses and a yellow windbreaker. "She eats the lens!" newsroom boss Robert Redford purrs admiringly. In the space of a few seconds, a star is born. One is half surprised the movie is not actually called *A Star is Born*: so many of its dramatic tricks come from that Hollywood classic about a showbiz marriage and the young performer who eclipses her partner.

Pfeiffer arrives in Miami gushing with ambition and dressed in screaming pink. As the two hours pass — and be warned, they pass slowly — she marries Redford, gains national recognition covering a prison riot, and changes her hairstyle seven times. Redford, one of those saintly media types who believe in truth and justice, grooms his protégée and then watches her run ahead. His own hair does not change once.

This kind of story might carry weight in America, where the personalities who deliver the news almost outshine the news itself. The script, indeed, was suggested by the life of newscaster Jessica Savitch, who soared to the top with NBC before dying in a car accident in 1983. But in Britain, for all the razzle-dazzle director Jon Avnet brings to the re-creation of a TV studio, *Up Close & Personal* seems as tasty as last week's toast.

The stars, unfortunately, do not help. Individually, Pfeiffer and Redford offer assorted pleasures. Together, they strike no sparks, no matter how up close and personal they get. The 20-year age-gap plays some part; so does Redford's timidity. At 58 he is a little too old to be still playing twinkly-eyed romantic heroes, but he tries. He should take a leaf from Paul Newman's book, accept his age, and develop new acting skills to match.

When some theatre directors turn to the movies, they end up with celluloid stodge. Not Robert Lepage. Watching **The Confessional**, his first film, you can almost see the theatrical wizard grinning gleefully over the tricks cinema offers. One cut of the editor's scissors and a car bonnet becomes a coffin. Or the screen fills with the distorted face of Lothaire Bluteau, peering through a goldfish bowl. Or time will shift from past to present in a single camera movement, eloquently fulfilling the narrator's remark about the past carrying the present "like a child on its shoulders".

Lepage's delight in his new toy is infectious: he makes you realise there are so many other ways of telling a story than proceeding from A to Z. *The Confessional*, a Canadian-British-French venture, begins at K, darts back to C, and never reaches Z at all. We start in 1989, with Bluteau's return from China to Quebec City for his father's funeral. But before long we land in 1952, when the city receives another visitor, Alfred Hitchcock, and the crew of his film *I Confess*.

Up Close & Personal
Odeon Leicester Square
15, 126 mins
Love and clichés in the television newsroom

The Confessional
Lumiere, 15, 100 mins
Dazzling cinema debut for Robert Lepage

Girl 6
Warner West End, 18, 108 mins
Muddled Spike Lee comedy about phone sex

Vampire in Brooklyn
Plaza, 15, 102 mins
Eddie Murphy grows fangs

Now and Then
Odeon West End, PG, 102 mins
Cornball saga about girls growing up

Guiltrip
MGM Tottenham Court Road
15, 90 mins
Terse and memorable Irish drama

Bluteau's aunt, 16 at the time, works in the presbytery used as a location. Pregnant, she confesses to a priest who, like Montgomery Clift in Hitchcock's film, is bound by the rules to keep her secret. Back in the present, the child of that union undertakes his own search for his father. Identity, truth, fact versus fiction, clashing cultures: these are some of the themes Lepage weaves into his edifice.

Sometimes the complexity is baffling. Sometimes the film suffers from undue significance: do we really need reports of the Tiananmen Square massacre filtering through on the radio? But most times Lepage delights with his playful imagination. There is plenty of sly humour to punctuate the doom, gloom and Catholic guilt. Much stems from the presence of Hitchcock himself, played by lookalike Ron Burrage.

Lepage could teach a few other directors this week some lessons in visual control. Spike Lee, for example. **Girl 6** follows his usual practice of flinging different photographic styles and textures at the screen, mounting the camera on what seem to be roller-skates, and shifting without warning between reality and fantasy. But the point of this frenetic carnival is much less clear than usual.

There is not even much of a story. Instead we get a string of comic sketches about Theresa Randle's heroine, an aspiring black actress who abandons one audition when asked to disrobe, but then finds employment giving phone sex.

Lee bombards us with so many sensations that it is impossible to isolate a moral message in Suzan-Lori Parks's script: you need all your energy to keep pace with the men phoning in from cars or cockpits, the cameos by Quentin Tarantino and Madonna, or the bizarre pastiches of black stereotypes, from *Carmen Jones* to *The Jeffersons*. Simply entangling the dialogue from the soundtrack's songs (by Prince) is hard work enough. There certainly is no time to penetrate far inside Girl 6's head.

Vampire in Brooklyn stars that shrinking violet Eddie Murphy. He co-produced, and developed the script with his two brothers. The wonder is that the film actually finds a good use for Murphy's preening ways; it makes him a vampire from the Caribbean, gives him golden eyes, and sets him loose in New York City seeking to perpetuate his kind. He looks very elegant, and has charisma to spare.

The news is not all good. *Vampire in Brooklyn* is a comic horror film, and once it tilts more towards comedy it almost falls over. You can't say the director has no funnybone: Wes Craven is the ghoulish joker who made *A Nightmare on Elm Street*. But he is powerless to prevent disaster when his star and script take a wrong turn.

Anyone nostalgic for those summer days in the tree-house in 1970 when they discovered boys and boobs and listened to the Jackson 5 may take special pleasure in watching **Now and Then**. The rest of us will find some comfort in the pleasant young cast, headed by Christina Ricci, but will groan at the script's rollcall of clichés. Equally dispiriting is the prospect of these girls growing into the likes of Demi Moore and Rosie O'Donnell, who play them as adults. The film, directed by former choreographer Lezli Linka Glatter, is the maiden effort of Moore's Moving Pictures; it is to be hoped that later ventures will move rather better.

After Hollywood's attempts to entertain, you fall with relief upon **Guiltrip**, a terse Irish drama, original in form, disturbing in content. Gerard Stembridge, the writer and director, is experienced in theatre and TV, but new to cinema. He is no master of visual composition: the camera sticks boringly close to the characters, following them hither and yon. But the story he tells about Liam, Tina and their fractious marriage is so involving you never pine for pretty pictures.

Liam (Andrew Connolly) is an army corporal. Quiet but dangerous, he expects his word to be obeyed. Their lives together leave Tina (Jasmine Russell) unfulfilled. At night Liam returns drunk, to a furious row. Flashbacks then take us through their day and show the passions rising. We see Liam eyeing a saucy girl; we see Tina receiving the flattering attentions of Ronnie (Peter Hanly), the manager of the electronics store with a bottomless barrel of mindless chat.

These last scenes wriggle with sly comedy, but any smile gets wiped off our faces once characters get hurled against a cannon, kicked and maimed. Many film-makers come to Ireland to wallow in greenery and enjoy the studio facilities: they then fly home. But Stembridge lets Ireland shape his whole story, using modest resources to explore the terrors of a bad marriage in a country with no divorce laws.

"Individually, Pfeiffer and Redford offer assorted pleasures. Together, they strike no sparks, no matter how up close and personal they get"

SNAP VERDICT

'Like a pop video'

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . .

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

Daniel Edelstyn, 19: Tacky and sentimental. An amalgamation of tragedy and success is incessantly drummed into the minds of unsuspecting viewers.

Martin Constantine, 20: By no means gripping stuff. Everything is highly polished, except the script, which at times is quite simply embarrassing. It is left to Redford and Pfeiffer to transform an inane drama into an ultimately entertaining film.

Donna Sharpe, 21: Not quite as bad as the nauseating poster implies, but nothing more than a slick Hollywood romantic drama.

Edward Dee, 18: Uninteresting but watchable. The love scenes were so dire, it became like a pop video. Perhaps its one redeeming feature is a fine supporting cast.

THE CONFESSIONAL

Daniel: Dark, confused and only vaguely comprehensible, this melodrama takes itself far too seriously.

Martin: A predictable plot is masked by superfluous images and trite symbolism in what must be one of the most unnecessary films of the year.

Donna: A film of complexity and pretension rather than profundity. Kristin Scott-Thomas and Lothaire Bluteau are wasted.

Edward: Oh, it's another "meaningful" French film. And it's blinding. Slickly produced, this confusing movie really grabbed me. Added cred for the use of Portishead.

GIRL 6

Daniel: I was immediately taken in by its speed, but it becomes rather sanctimonious and dull. I was happy to see the final credits appear.

Martin: The cameos from the likes of Madonna and Quentin Tarantino are more than a little irritating, and the film over-indulges in sex talk.

Donna: Another rung on the downward ladder which Spike Lee has been treading ever since the brilliant *Do the Right Thing*. Misogyny and directorial ambivalence combine to ill effect.

Edward: The filming is inventive and very stylised, with surprisingly adept cameos from Tarantino and Madonna. I was intrigued all the way up to the quirky ending.

DEGAS: BEYOND IMPRESSIONISM — DAY TEN

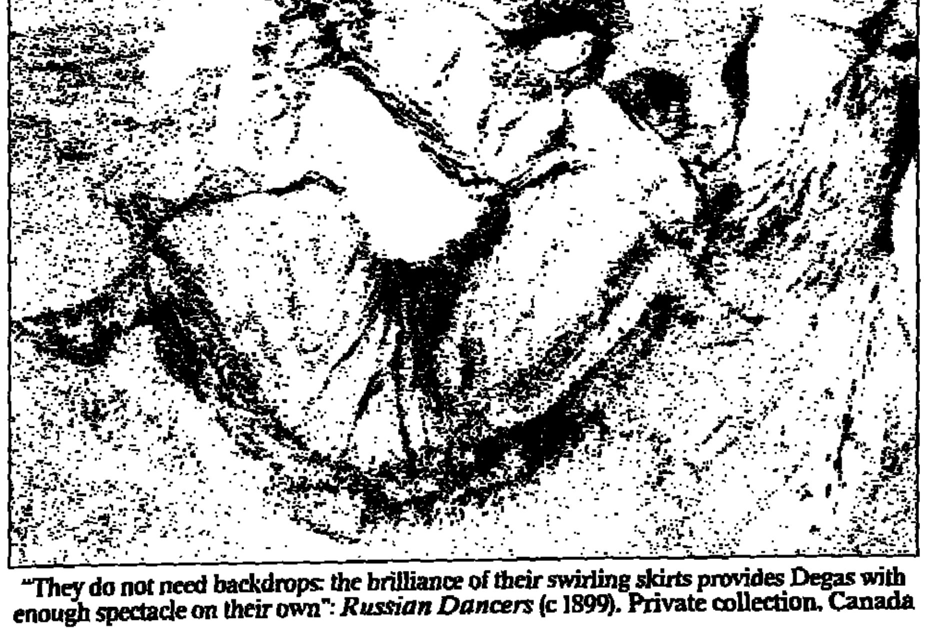
Richard Cork concludes his guide to highlights of the National Gallery exhibition

Nobody knows precisely who posed for the ecstatic series of Russian Dancer pictures, but there can be no doubt about their eruptive dynamism. Unlike the ballet dancers, these women seem to be performing in the open air. They do not need backdrops: the exotic brilliance of their swirling skirts provides Degas with enough spectacle on their own. In picture after picture, he seems to circle the same cluster of women and present them from different angles.

Smaller studies in the series concentrate on single figures, enabling Degas to seize on the essence of their spirited movements. But in an image as ambitious as this triumphant pastel, the figures are fused in a mass of orgiastic colour. Placed against a bare field, they fling their limbs outwards with irresistible abandon. The wild flowers bedecking their hair give them a festive air, as if they are celebrating a successful harvest. But they also rejoice in their own youthful vivacity.

The increasingly infirm Degas revels in the dancers' supple movements. If he envies their gusto and stamina, he does not allow it to affect the carnival mood of this supremely joyful image.

● *Degas: Beyond Impressionism is at the National Gallery until Aug 26 (tickets from First Call, 0171-420 0000)*



"They do not need backdrops: the brilliance of their swirling skirts provides Degas with enough spectacle on their own": *Russian Dancers* (c 1899). Private collection, Canada

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Marking the race card

RADIO

THE start of the European football championships on Saturday, which will doubtles include Xenophobia versus Jingoism (a game of two half-wits), is being preceded on Radio 5 Live by a ten-day season called **Race Around the UK**. The timing is appropriate for the nation's main sports network.

John Barnes of Liverpool appears in one of the best of the season's programmes, *I'm not an Uncle Tom*, tomorrow night (9.35pm). Various other programmes have highlighted the grotesque treatment meted out to black people in Britain by whites, but *I'm not an Uncle Tom* takes intra-black hatred as its theme.

Barnes is not only one of the most skilful English players, he is also among the most articulate. He crystallises the special difficulties that black sports people have in relation to other blacks by saying that they "walk a thin line" between acceptance in the wider, multiracial community and losing respect in the black one.

The sensitivity between black sports people and their community can be seen from the title, which is a quote by Frank Bruno. Upon winning the world heavyweight title last September, Bruno's first sentence into a microphone was not valedictory but defensive. "I'm not an Uncle Tom, I'm not a sell-out."

That accusation had been made by his black American opponent because Bruno, with his chat-show bonhomie and his pantomime appearances, is thought to have crossed the line to which Barnes refers. If so, the treatment of Bruno by some blacks is still unreasonable: Ian Botham, another exponent of pantomime, is not said to have let down white people.

What makes this programme more than a routine exposition of these matters is the attention it pays to Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Revisionist views suggest black people using the book as a source of insult are at best out of date.

Stowe's book, a bestseller in 1852 and never out of print, effectively began the dismantling of slavery by exposing its cruelty. More specifically, her portrayal of the hero as a man of dignity and loyalty is seen now as a celebration of virtues, even if that loyalty was to white slave-owners.

All this may seem a long way from the football starting this weekend. But the thugs about to descend on Wembley are the most visible manifestation of racism in this country. I hope that they have listened to 5 Live this week for more than football previews.

PETER BARNARD

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■ CHOICE 1

Football crazy: Michael Nyman celebrates Euro 96 in music

VENUE: Tonight at the Festival Hall

■ CHOICE 2

Peter Ustinov plays the great composer in *Beethoven's Tenth*

VENUE: From tonight at the Chichester Festival

THE TIMES ARTS

■ VIDEO

Sergei Eisenstein's groundbreaking masterpiece, *The Battleship Potemkin*, comes to the small screen

■ RECORDS

... while, on CD, Jane Eaglen impresses in a new version of *Tosca* sung in English

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

CLAES OLDENBURG: AN ANTHOLOGY: The first retrospective exhibition of the innovative American artist to be shown in Britain for more than 25 years. Best known for his "soft" sculptures, "giant" objects and colossal monuments, the show features 150 sculptures, maquettes, drawings, notebook sketches and photographs
Hayward Gallery, South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-928 3144). Opens from today, 10am-6pm (Tue and Wed to 8pm) Until August 18 Ⓢ

LEON KOSSOFF. More than 80 paintings survey the development of one of the most distinctive British artists of the postwar period. Kossoff's evocation of London's urban landscape is complemented in his art by a parallel concern with people.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (0171-887 8000). Opens from today, 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2pm-6pm. Until September 1

TEAM PLAYERS: Two of Britain's most exciting composers, **Michael Nyman** and **Steve Martland**, bring their bands to the Festival Hall to celebrate the Euro '96 football championships. The evening features the first British performance of *Memorial*, written as a response to the Heysel Stadium disaster, and *AET* — a live-a-side football match, played live on stage by the ten musicians of Nyman's band. Over in the Purcell Room, the tenor Nigel Rogers joins the leading period instrument ensemble **Badinage** in works by Handel, Boismortier, Bononcini and Pepusch
South Bank, London SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, both at 7.30pm Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

CHICHESTER: A rare opportunity to see Peter Ustinov playing someone other than Ustinov. In this case Ludwig van, brought back to life in his play **Beethoven's Tenth**. Liz Robertson and John Neville also in the company.
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park (01243 781 312). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. In rep with *Mansfield Park*.

Also in **Chichester**, Alan Bennett directs **Talking Heads**, two monologues: with Maggie Smith performing *Bed Among the Lentils* and Margaret Tyzack performing *Soldiering On*.
Minerva Studio, Oaklands Park (01243 781 312). Now previewing, 7.45pm; mat Thurs, 2.45pm. Opens Mon, 7.45pm. Until June 29. Ⓢ

MANCHESTER: Stanley Houghton's **Hindle Wakes**, the *Look Back in Anger* of 1912 for its shocking story of a young women who spends a weekend in Llandudno with a mill-owner's son. Helena Kaut-Howson directs a cast that includes Sue Johnston, Bridget Turner, Colin Procter, Brian Rawlinson.
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square (0161-833 9833). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm; mat Sat 4pm. Until July 6.

NEWCASTLE: Japan's leading choreographer **Saburo Teshigawara** has joined forces with local sound artists zoviet-france to present the world premiere performance of *In Edit*, an avante-garde production in a disused power station. Part of the Northern Electric Dance festival.
Northern Electric Power Station, Carville Road, Wallsend. Tonight and tomorrow, 9.30pm. Tickets from Newcastle Playhouse (0191-230 5151).

YORK: John Doyle's production of **The Mysteries** has raised some theological eyebrows by casting a woman as God. All the cast are amateurs.
Theatre Royal, St Leonard's Place (01904 623 568). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, Sun 5pm; mats Sat (June 15, 29) 2pm Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Eve Arnold (0171-638 4141) ... **Catto Gallery**: Andy Waite: watercolours (0171-435 6660) ... **National Gallery**: Degas: Beyond Impressionism (0171-747 2885) ... **Tate**: Marlene Dumas (0171-887 8000)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BLUE REMEMBERED HILLS**: Dennis Potter's poignant drama of wartime childhood: this production's comedy overbalances the frail structure
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 8pm, mat, 3pm. In rep Ⓢ

☐ **COMPANY**: Adrian Lester, Sheila Gish, Sophie Thompson in an excellent staging of Sondheim's bittersweet musical on marriage, pro and contra
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **CORIOLANUS**: Steven Berkoff's much-travelled production arrives in London with himself as a snarling, ear-breaking fascist
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, EC4 (0171-236 2211). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens June 12, 7pm. Then Tue-Sat 7.30pm; mat Sat 3pm. Until July 20. Ⓢ

☐ **DAMES AT SEA**: Kim Criswell, Sara Crowe, Peter Duncan in the first of two musicals in the BOC Covent Garden Festival: a comedy musical in the style of the 1930s, music by Jim Wise. John Gardyne directs. Last week
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-312 1996). Mon-Sat 8pm; mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm. Until Sat.

☐ **FUNERAL GAMES**: Amazing cast for Phil Willmott's revival of Joe Orton's jet-black comedy, set in the HQ of a weird religious sect. Adam Ant, Bette Bourne, Sylvester McCoy and Aimi Macdonald
Drill Hall, Chenies St, WC1 (0171-637 8270). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm. Until June 22.

☐ **ON THE BOULEVARD**: Ballerina, singer, actress and Tony Award winner Liliane Montevecchi performs a selection of American musical numbers (Porter, Sondheim, Jerry Herman) in a show staged by Tommy Tune
Jermyn Street, 16b Jermyn St, SW1 (0171-287 2875). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat and Sun, 4pm. (Also Sun June 9, 7.30pm, extra mat Thurs June 20, 4pm). Until June 23

◩ **SALAD DAYS**: Welcome return of Julian Slade's tuneful musical, directed by Ned Sherrin. Nicola Fulljames and Simon Connolly play the young lovers in a company that also includes Kit and the Widow
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm

◩ **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW**: Josie Lawrence and Michael Siberry two of the few good things in this peculiar, OTT production.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm; mat, 2pm. In rep with *Romeo and Juliet*. Ⓢ

☐ **TWELVE ANGRY MEN**: Kevin Whately, Timothy West, Peter Vaughan and nine excellent others in Reginald Rose's celebrated jury-room drama.
Comedy, Panton Street SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat 4pm.

■ **WHO SHALL BE HAPPY ...?**: *Trevor Griffiths directs his new play for Belfast-based Mad Cow Productions: a two-hander for Stanley Townsend and Kulvinder Ghir as imprisoned French Revolutionary Danton and his guard, awaiting the result of his trial*
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733) ... ◩ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) ... ☐ **Communicating Doors**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) ... ☐ **Funny Money**: Playhouse (0171-839 4401) ◩ **Jolson**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) ... ◩ **Mack and Mabel**: Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ... ◩ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ☐ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

FARGO (18): A kidnapping goes haywire in the Midwest. Wonderful, humane crime thriller from Joel and Ethan Coen, with Frances McDormand and William H. Macy
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **MGMs: Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **FROM DUSK TILL DAWN** (18): Fleeing gangsters face a new danger: vampires. Juvenile romp from director Robert Rodriguez and writer/actor Quentin Tarantino. With George Clooney and Harvey Keitel.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

MY LIFE AND TIMES WITH ANTONIN ARTAUD: Absorbing portrait of the theatrical visionary's last years in postwar Paris. With Sami Frey. Director, Gérard Mordillat.
ICA Cinema (0171-930 3647)

CURRENT

◆ **THE BIRDCAGE** (15): Crass, gaudy remake of *La Cage aux Folles*, with Robin Williams and Nathan Lane as the gay couple faced with an in-law problem. Director, Mike Nichols
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **COPYCAT** (18): Agoraphobic Sigourney Weaver and Holly Hunter's detective battle with a serial killer. Unpleasant thriller. Director, Jon Amiel
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeons Kensington** (01426 914666) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **MONEY TRAIN** (15). Nasty antics in New York's subway system, with Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson. Director, Joseph Ruben
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **IL POSTINO** (U): Michael Radford's heartwarming delight about a simple man opening his eyes to poetry
MGMs: Panton Street (0171-930 0631) **Swiss Centre** (0171-439 4470) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

◆ **PRIMAL FEAR** (18): Cocky defence attorney Richard Gere gets sucked into a devious murder case. Superficial thriller, directed by Gregory Hoblit.
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **RICHARD III** (15): Shakespeare updated to the 1930s. Dynamic cinema, with Ian McKellen. Director, Richard Loncraine
Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Minema** (0171-235 4225) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233)

SECRETS & LIES (15): Mike Leigh's Cannes triumph: an uneven but absorbing tale about family life, its pains, bonds, and skeletons. With Brenda Blethyn and Timothy Spall.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen on Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **SMOKE** (15): Criss-crossing lives in Brooklyn. Agreeable, talky piece written by Paul Auster, with Harvey Keitel and William Hurt. Director, Wayne Wang.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

Love me, love my country

NEW ON VIDEO

■ THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT
CIC, 15, 1995
WHAT happens when the widowed President gets a girlfriend? Some gentle human comedy and some gentle political digs, but not enough of either to sustain this lumbering, old-fashioned comedy romance directed by Rob Reiner. Two pleasing players, Michael Douglas and Annette Bening, help the time pass. Available to rent.

■ THE BATTLESHIP POTEMKIN
Tartan, PG, 1925
THE authorities wanted films to commemorate the 1905 Russian Revolution. Eisenstein gave them a cinematic revolution, and a masterpiece. A sailors' mutiny over maggot-infested food is brought roaring back to life with a brave new style of visual composition and editing, best displayed in the massacre on the Odessa Steps, one of the most imitated and parodied sequences in film history. This video copy from a 16mm print is a little tired, but serviceable.

■ CHUNGKING EXPRESS
ICA Projects, 12, 1994
CULT director Wong Kar-wei's intoxicating ride through Hong Kong's bustling streets and neon. Two stories tell of lovelorn cops and their liaisons. But the mood is not melancholic: Wong's bizarre sense of humour, hand-held camera and visual tricks create an infectious romp, with a larkish spirit unseen since the glory days of the French New Wave. Tony Cheung is especially charming as the uniformed cop of the second story, while Faye Wang deserves instant stardom as the fast-food gamine who adores him.

Oval Office romance: Michael Douglas and Annette Bening in Rob Reiner's comedy, *The American President*

■ A WALK IN THE CLOUDS
Fox Guild, PG, 1995
ROMANTIC twaddle, exasperating and amusing by turns, with Keanu Reeves as a soldier who returns from the Second World War to find a new life in California's vineyards. The plot once served a lyrical Italian film, *Four Steps in the Clouds*, made in 1942: but Alfonso Arau's Hollywood revisions turn the lyricism to bathos, while the images suggest a feature-length wine commercial. Spanish actress Aitana Sanchez-Gijon, as the pregnant girl for whom Reeves masquerades as a husband, seems deserving of better things. Available to rent.

■ THE WHITE BALLOON
Electric, U, 1995
ENTRANCINGLY simple Iranian film about a little girl's epic struggle to buy a goldfish. After almost losing her banknote to snake charmers, she sees it blown down a pavement grating. Can it be extricated before the shop shuts? Jafar Panahi's first feature unfolds in real time, so we share the tension as the minutes pass and shopkeepers and passers-by offer help or obstruction. The parade of rough-edged humanity and Aïda Mohammadkhani's determined face haunt you long after the film ends.

GEOFF BROWN

NEW CLASSICAL CDS: Marital bereavement retold; English *Tosca*; lost Sibelius uncovered

CHAMBER

Hilary Finch

■ SMETANA/BORODIN
String Quartets
Takacs Quartet
Decca 452 239-2★★★
TWENTY-FIVE minutes of soul-searching, precipitated by the onset of deafness, Smetana's string quartet *From My Life* opens eloquently with "the call of fate to take up life's struggle". The Takacs Quartet, twice bereaved, once professionally and once personally, know something of what this music is about and give a passionate and newly clear-sighted performance of a much-recorded work.

The players leap high in a sinewy second-movement Polka, tinged with plangent melancholy, before Andras Fejer's cello leads the deeply searching threnody which is Smetana's slow-movement memorial to his wife. The cello is the prime mover throughout Borodin's Quartet No 2 in D as well. Emotion is recollected in greater tranquillity here, as Borodin, a keen amateur cellist himself, pays tender tribute to his own wife in the well-known album-leaf which is the Notturno. This is framed by a gently oscillating Scherzo and a Finale cross-hatched by constantly changing textures.

OPERA

John Higgins

■ PUCCINI
Tosca
Eaglen/O'Neill/ Yurisich/ Philharmonia/ Parry
Chandos CHAN 3000(2) (2 CDs)★★
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Gregory Yurisich as Scarpia, the beast of Rome, is content to be merely suave at the start so that he can let rip when at home in the Palazzo Farnese with its private torture chamber. Act II is by far the most compelling of the three. Dennis O'Neill's Cavaradossi is properly defiant, but he always sounds better in Italian than in English and the role does not always lie well for him. The supporting cast is led with character by Andrew Shore's Sacristan.

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OPERA: **John Higgins** talks to director Luc Bondy about bringing *Don Carlos* to Covent Garden; plus Bizet in the park

Why we refresh the bits of Verdi that others cut

Only the English horse has been sacked. The production of *Don Carlos*, which opens Covent Garden's Verdi Festival on Tuesday, carries substantially the same cast it had when playing to all-round acclaim and packed houses at the Châtelet in Paris in early spring. The roster of singers, led by Roberto Alagna in the title role and Thomas Hampson as Posa, has a strength recalling the great Visconti *Carlos* at the Royal Opera in 1958. But the home-bred steed in Act I which carries off Elisabeth de Valois (Karita Mattila) to meet her future husband, Philip II of Spain, has been replaced on grounds of unreliability. Luc Bondy, in London supervising his Paris staging, has recalled the white charger (plus handler) who behaved immaculately at the Châtelet. Will equus need an Equity card?

Carlos is Bondy's first excursion into Italian opera. Or rather French opera. This is the five-act Paris version, with a number of traditional cuts restored and a good deal of new light thrown on a work which now bids to be Verdi's grandest opera and, some would argue, his most complex. Bondy admits that it was the lure of doing something new which made him accept an assignment outside his normal operatic paths of Mozart and Strauss.

"Patrice Chéreau once said that staging opera *can* be lazy work for a director if you are content with putting on what is there already. But our *Carlos* is in part a reconstruction, using some of the recent discoveries by musicologists of what was cut by Verdi before the Paris first night. The most important comes after the death of Posa, the so-called *Lacrymosa* scene, in which Philip and Carlos confront one another. Verdi reused the music, of course, in the *Requiem*. But without it the audience cannot understand fully that the father has taken everything from his son: first Elisabeth, the wife he wanted, and now his best friend.

"Equally, *Carlos* must have the opening Fontainebleau act. Carlos and Elisabeth fall instantly in love, the only time in the opera that we see *la jeunesse en amour*, the key to much that follows. If La Scala had invited me to do the four-act Italian version, I would have had to say no. Opening *Carlos* in the monastery of San Yuste is totally unsexy."

Loneliness in *Carlos* was one of the themes which attracted Bondy. He handled it superbly in Richard Strauss's *Salome* at Covent Garden a year ago in a production so mesmeric it made the Coliseum's recent effort look tame.

"There is a great deal of isolation in *Carlos*. Elisabeth is in essence a French aristocrat living in exile. Posa is a loner because of his ideological beliefs. I have been criticised for giving Tom [Hampson] long hair and a wild-eyed look, but I see him as half a Renaissance figure and half a Dostoevskian zealot, from *The Possessed* perhaps. Carlos's admiration for him has an unstated homoerotic content. Most isolated of all is King Philip, kept apart from others by his rank."

Bondy illustrates Philip's long Act IV meditation, *Elle ne m'aime pas*, by having Elisabeth alone in bed on stage. "This was a deliberate attempt to overcome the problem always carried by big arias which almost everyone knows. The music is very familiar, but what about the content? Very unfamiliar to many, whatever they may say. At times like these, explanation is necessary."

> ❛ How can you have people burnt on stage when a minute later everyone is applauding? ❜
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> LUC BONDY

Approaching 50, Bondy is a wiry, energetic figure, bubbling with ideas. He is forthright, very unstarry-eyed and ready to concede that *Carlos* is not all gold. "The *auto-da-fé* scene is almost impossible. Musically it is terrible and how can you have all those people being burnt on stage when one minute later the curtain comes down and everyone bursts into applause. I have been accused of not liking spectacle. In part that is true: if it is spelt out, then it is boring. It has to be implied. I am not keen on *autos-da-fé*.

"The close of the opera is also unsatisfactory. Who is this grandfather, Charles V, who takes Carlos into his arms? How does he differ from Philip II? Verdi's librettists let him down here, and for once he did not pull them up. He needed a Shakespeare to provide a presence as potent as the Ghost in *Hamlet*."

Bondy was born in Switzerland but his reputation was established first in Germany and notably at the Schaubühne in Berlin during the 1980s. There he learnt much from Peter Stein — "a rare example of practitioner, intellectual and teacher, one of the few men of the theatre ready to hand down his knowledge". Bondy introduced the Schaubühne to the work of Botho Strauss, an author with whom he has been much associated. When Stein left in 1985, Bondy was his natural successor, but he did not stay long. "All was running so well that there was nothing left to do."

Sleep is not in Bondy's nature. In between *Don Carlos* in Paris and Tuesday night in London he has been closeted in Normandy co-scripting with Françoise Sagan a film of Maupassant's *Bel-Ami*, which he will start shooting next year. "I'm fascinated by this 'hero' whose career takes off with scarcely an obstacle in his way. The faster he rises the colder he becomes. Quite relevant for the 1990s?"

After the Paris *Carlos*, Bondy announced that he had had enough of opera for the time being. He has rethought that, while being reluctant to submit to its timetable, which ties up directors years ahead. He has his eye on Janáček's *Katya Kabanova* — no spectacle — which will move him back halfway in the direction of *Lulu* and *Wozzeck*, where his operatic career began under pressure from Anja Silja and Christoph von Dohnányi, his later partners in *Salome*. And he is working with the composer Philippe Boesmans on an opera tentatively called *The Jealousy of Leontes*, based on *A Winter's Tale*.

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● *Don Carlos opens at the Royal Opera House (0171-304 4000) on Tuesday*

DONALD COOPER

Give the man a cigar: both Antoni Garfield Henry as Don José and Klara Uleman in the title role shine in European Chamber Opera's production of Bizet's *Carmen* in Holland Park, west London

Smoke gets in your ears

THE Regent's Park theatre season is already up and running, and now it is time for opera in Holland Park, launched on Tuesday by European Chamber Opera's production of *Carmen* with a little competition from police sirens, jumbo jets, peacocks and party-goers in the property next door. Bizet won, by a short head.

Conductors either know how this score should go or — the list is long, starting with Karajan — they do not. David Gibson falls happily into the first category: brisk speeds, crisp sound coaxed from a small but willing orchestra (timpanist gamely doubling harp-on-synthesizer) and the ability to cope calmly with one or two accidents, mostly in the Guiraud recitatives. Mercifully, you do not hear these often nowadays, and it is salutory to be reminded how ghastly they are. The opera was sung in clear French, though some of the vowel sounds were decidedly personal.

Carmen
Holland Park Theatre

Terry John Bates's production, in minimal decor and contemporary costumes by Liz Cooke, is straightforward and well-organised, with three really good fights. Those who derive innocent pleasure from watching nice English gels pretending to be slinky Iberians in their undies will enjoy the evening. A full-scale procession in the last act is beyond the resources of the company, and substituting a Peter Brook-style ritual for Escamillo is a neat solution, but putting the chorus off-stage is a bad idea: suddenly there were two performances about three seconds apart.

Gibson and Bates certainly allowed their soloists to shine, and two should shine ever more brightly in the future. Klara Uleman has a perfect Carmen voice, warm, musky and absolutely steady; she phrases with real insight and has good French. Antoni Garfield Henry (José) is very experienced in musicals and straight theatre but made his operatic debut only last year (Broomhill, Luigi in *Tabarro*). He has a heroic tenor of enormous potential and, properly nurtured, could go far. Paula Bott, the homely Micaela, made little attempt to disguise a preference for her tempos rather than the conductor's. Jeffrey Carl was the preening Escamillo.

Since the first night was for an invited audience, the sound engineers (uncredited) felt free to experiment. I can tell them that the first act was very good, the sound in the second simply intolerable, with amplification horribly distorting the singers' voices, and the rest more or less bearable, though in the Holland Park Theatre neither this cast nor Bizet have any need of artificial aids.

RODNEY MILNES

A little goose in need of some sauce

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First, a confession. When I tried reading this novel some years ago, I gave up about two thirds of the way through because I could not endure the company of meekly mousy Fanny Price for one more page. So until seeing this bold and — what to call it? — *inventive* adaptation by Willis Hall I had no idea what happened to the little goose after she departed, misunderstood by all, from Sir Thomas Bertram's stately Northamptonshire seat. Would the man she shyly, secretly, silently loves (Sir T's son, Edmund) continue to think he wants to marry cunning, cool, calculating Mary Crawford? How would Jane Austen contrive to bring the booby to his senses and pair him off with the girl who has worshipped him ever since she arrived at Mansfield Park as a ten-year-old all-but-orphan Fanny?

In Michael Rudman's breezy production, his first work here since giving up the job of artistic director in 1990, Lucy Scott makes a worthy try at turning the heroine from goose to human, though the task is probably impossible. Hall makes many changes to the way events are presented in the novel, and also gives Fanny a couple of tart rejoinders when Edmund's tactless praise of Mary really gets up her nose. Even I could tell that these were way out of character, as though a shrinking violet had suddenly leapt from the ground to bite the boot that crushed it.

When presenting the sweet-natured, good, uncomplaining, honest and scrupulous 99.9 per cent of Fanny's character, Scott manages to keep priggishness at a low level. She moves well, and charmingly greets her midshipman brother with a cry of delight. But Fanny's propriety is as difficult to take on the stage as on the page, and in one respect is open to serious confusion.

This concerns the crucial event in the book when the young Bertrams decide to put on a romantic play while Sir Thomas (Tony Britton, grave and serious) is away. The rehearsals bring susceptible persons disconcertingly close to one another and this forwards the plot, but the role-playing is also a metaphor for emotional falseness. Fanny's excessive agitation at the prospect of acting leads one to think, "Oh, here she goes again," and the wider reference passes unnoticed.

Rudman's production incorporates a fair bit of dancing, introducing the four young Bertrams by having them bound onto the stage, over the sofa and away. Necessary information that even Hall cannot turn into dialogue is spoken by three servants, though only Clive Kneller's Harkness brings out the dry wit of the comments on leisured life. Poppy Miller subtly understates the amorality of Mary: Jay Villiers is an amusingly ox-like Rushworth.

MARILYN KINGWILL

Parklife: Lisa Goddard and Tony Britton in Michael Rudman's breezy *Mansfield Park*

The country-house set designed by Simon Higlett has charm, and Rudman's marshalling of his characters is deft but there is no disputing the thinness of the second half. Disasters rock the family but are poorly dramatised, so that the inevitable happy union, after a snappy comment from Scott to Mark Jax's slow-witted Edmund, really is an anticlimax. Sir Thomas's recognition of his faults as an educator, spelling out for the dimmest reader the novel's moral purpose, never gets a mention.

JEREMY KINGSTON

CONCERT: A Thea Musgrave premiere in Scotland

Burns night songs

A POSTER on the road outside Dumfries confirms that there is indeed an "Arts Festival 1996," the newly pasted-on "6" making it seem all the more immediate. In the town itself early-evening entertainment is restricted to an inexplicable traffic jam by the river and a choice between Indian and Chinese take-away; the only place to escape the rain, it seems, is the coffee shop in a Safeways big enough to accommodate an orchestra and a sizeable audience.

In fact, the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra's concert is just out of town in the Easterbrook Hall — turn off the main road at St Michael's Church and the Burns Mausoleum — in what turns out to be a splendidly landscaped mental hospital. Unlikely though it seems, it has to be the right place because Thea Musgrave is there already with her husband and a representative from Novello carrying scores of the Burns settings commissioned (before its embarrassing collapse) by the First Burns International Festival and about to be introduced to the world as the principal feature of the 17th Dumfries and Galloway Arts Festival.

Musgrave: has revived her "Scottish heritage"

Though inappropriately titled for the season, Musgrave's *Songs for a Winter's Evening* are most appealing, and well written for the Dumfries occasion. Resident in America for more than 20 years now, the composer had, she says, "to revive my Scottish heritage". She has done so with such effect that the music reverberates with echoes of melody of the sort which inspired Burns's poetry. In the atmosphere it creates and in the sentiment it displays, it recalls the *Chants d'Auvergne*, even though the idiom is obviously very different and Musgrave's use of traditional tunes is more allusive than direct: they are as likely to be woven, more or less fragmentarily, into the orchestral texture as poised on the vocal line. Moreover, unlike Canteloube's compilation, the seven songs are arranged as a cycle — covering a lifetime from *I am my mammy's ae bairn* to *John Anderson my jo, John* and rounded off with a subtle recall of the opening music towards the end.

The familiarity of the material, though reassuring to the audience, does not make the work easy to sing, since the vocal line so often veers away from the natural inflection and the expected harmony. The soloist Marie McLaughlin and the conductor Joseph Swensen had not solved all the problems. But, awkward though the performance occasionally was, the affectionate quality of the score — in the highly lyrical *Summer's a pleasant time*, for example, or the delightful scherzando duet between soprano and piccolo in *O whistle an I'll come to ye* — was everywhere in unmistakable evidence.

GERALD LARNER

Michèle Roberts on the genteel world of Anita Brookner, where still surfaces hardly betray the emotional turmoil beneath them

Androgyny of a wounded heart

ALTERED STATES
By Anita Brookner
Cape, £14.99
ISBN 0 224 04282 3

This new novel by Anita Brookner will probably delight her fans. Not only is its prose as impeccable and bandbox-crisp as ever, but its themes of unrequited love and discreet melancholia are those Brookner has made quintessentially her own. The very landscape evokes that of *Hotel du Lac*, her Booker winner, with its sleepy spa on the Franco-Swiss border, its "combination of dull weather and grave silence, the thin white mist that so often descends without warning and seems to lay delicate fingers on the skin of one's face".

Staying in Vif, well wrapped up against its chilly dusk, is the novel's hero, solicitor Alan Sherwood, who one evening leaves "the subdued comfort of the English Tea Rooms" to buy a newspaper at the little station, and imagines he sees there the figure of a woman he has loved hopelessly for years. The rest of the novel works to suggest why Sarah Miller, with her Pre-Raphaelite mane and her icy blue eyes, a rather commonplace flame-haired temptress, should be able to create such havoc in the lives of those around her.

Anita Brookner's classic territory, the comfortable well-furnished London flats of well-behaved, well-meaning, well-off, bourgeois people who are cosmopolitan though emotionally reserved, is peopled in this new novel with instantly recognisable characters.

The awful Angela, who ends up marrying Alan, is summed up and dispatched by her prim blouse and pie-crust collar. Polish Jenny has "broken feet" which suggest to Alan's family that her survival methods abroad have been less than scrupulously genteel. Sarah's flatmate Berthe has carelessly-tossed hair and "the near-cockney accent of the upper-class English girl". There are two splendid aunts who live in the country, one or two adulterous solicitors, a sharply observed bachelor connoisseur called Aubrey.

All these people dance to the music of Brookner's spinet in an endless succession of drinks parties, where shafts of lust or cruelty are concealed by the proffering of plates of pinwheel sandwiches and petits fours. Creating atmosphere is one of Brookner's gifts, and she does it superbly. The details are precise, immaculate, telling. As poor Alan drifts towards his tragedy, what you remember is the correctness of his raincoat and walking-shoes, his appreciation of roast chicken and lemon tart.

Anita Brookner's novels remind me of the work of Jean Rhys, with its repeated insistence of the power of sex, or a badly chosen lover, to blight a life for ever. Like Rhys, Brookner has described a kind of mourning close to masochism which has traditionally been associated with a particular type of femininity, making its effects all the more powerful because they are never explained, only recorded. Brookner's early novels of blighted female hopes dished out the blame fair and square, apportioning it between selfish men and equally selfish females, go-getting Ugly Sisters to the heroine's long-suffering Cinderella.

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Brookner: sharply observed

In her recent books, Brookner has allowed men, too, to have their tortured inner lives, and with Alan Sherwood, writhing helplessly on the rack Sarah invites him to occupy, she has produced her most "feminine" hero yet. Kind and decent he may be, but Alan lacks savvy. Summoning Sarah to a night of passion at the Hotel George V in Paris, he forgets to phone ahead and book a room. Sarah doesn't show, and who can blame her? Alan spends the night tramping the rainy boulevards, losing both the girl's and our sympathy.

This novel pretends to be a work of realism, but its structures are closer to fairy-tale. Like D. H. Lawrence, Brookner is writing about sex in order to express an elegiac lament for the loss of a nicer, earlier world, in which women supposedly did not hunt the pleasures of orgasm and money as ruthlessly as men, a world in which married women (middle-class ones, anyway) did not earn money at all and the NHS kept you in hospital as long as necessary.

Brookner is a fierce moralist, caricaturing her hates and putting her loves into thoughtful perspective. The novel works best when she is not explaining too much in order to drive her points home, which indicates a curious lack of self-confidence in such an experienced writer.

Alan, recounting his glum tale of loss and deceit and betrayal, is as fond of summing up as judge, as eloquent in his own defence as he is long-winded for the prosecution. After recounting a scene in which action is presented dramatically through dialogue, he has an irritating tendency to point out what he feels has just happened, thus preventing our attempts to invent our own interpretation.

He spends several pages explaining his views of Angela's psychological make-up, just in case we have drawn a different conclusion. He goes over and over his obsession with Sarah. This is not necessary in a novel as rich in descriptive detail, mood and idiom as this one. The effect is to make Alan less credible as a male character. A novel must create the illusion that its characters are real, at least if it is not a self-declared Post-Modern set of voices. Alan, alone and palely loitering, seems increasingly to express purely feminine pain and despair.

Conscience caught

Christopher Hitchens

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR
A Story of War
By Peter Maass
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CORINNE DUFKA

Representative of the international community: a British soldier with the UN flag in the ghostly Sarajevo landscape, 1994

I can remember when I first heard the tale. I was in Sarajevo at the time. A man from a Balkan "prison camp" — so called even though it had been set up by no government and was obliged to no recognised authority nor convention — claimed that he had been forced to bite off another man's genitals.

Sarajevo in those days could expand your willingness to believe anything. But oh come on, I thought. Atrocity propaganda is cheap. You hear the same sorts of story every time: like those soldiers playing football with the heads of children. And then I met one second-hand witness, and then another. And then I thought, who would *claim* to have done such a thing, if he had not?

Peter Maass went a bit further. He interviewed the man who had said he'd actually seen it. He realised that the man had no special interest in convincing people of this. He made up his mind about the "incident" in that fashion. He inclined me to believe him.

To pass any time in this reporter's company is to be sure of him in this respect. He kept on finding things, and noticing things, that made him feel like the anonymous figure in Munch's painting of *The Scream*. And yet there is nothing dire or pornographic in his narrative. He tried his level best to cover the implosion of Yugoslavia according to the standards of what might be called *Washington Post* objectivity. And he found that this wouldn't quite serve. But, as far as might be possible, he kept applying his basic training to the task in hand. The resulting tension makes for a strong book.

Mr Maass supped full of other horrors — which I will spare you — during his tour of duty, but he came up against a reportorial "conflict of interest" that was much more morally exhausting than the task of keeping score between the so-called warring factions.

Like many people, he found *it null and tedious* to continue the standard feed about endlessly homicidal tribalism. He met many people who lived their lives without becoming Fascists or sadists, and he sets down their account with the same precision that he gives to the tales from the crypt. He became impelled to decide for himself whether all these "factions" were really equivalent. And he had to ask himself if the United States was conceivably a moral agent in what he no longer saw as a quagmire.

As far as was possible, I tried to read this book as if I could not guess the outcome of either dilemma. Should you desire to make up your mind, even at this rather advanced stage, you *should* choose to follow not Maass's account of external events but his diary of internal record-keeping. There is an active conscience at work, which *is* more than can be said for the ghost-like presence, in these pages, of what was once called "the international community".

Christopher Hitchens writes the Fin de Siècle *column for* Vanity Fair

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Poets that know well their trade

Roy Foster

THE OXFORD COMPANION TO IRISH LITERATURE
Edited by Robert Welch, assistant editor Bruce Stewart
OUP, £25
ISBN 0 19 866158 4

WHEN AND how is literature "Irish"? Faced with rampant and multilingual diversity, this valuable new companion-guide wisely opts for inclusiveness. Writing in Gaelic is comprehensively surveyed; important plays and novels receive separate entries, as well as being considered under their author's name; historical concepts such as "Old English" and "The Irish Brigade" are sensibly explained: relevant themes like "place names" and "metrics" are dealt with authoritatively.

And who is "Irish"? In default of an Irish *DNB*, this book will inevitably double as a gazetteer of writers — a task previously filled by Anne Brady's and Brian Cleeve's useful but shorter *Biographical Dictionary of Irish Writers*. In this new volume, writers not often allowed to be Irish receive generous treatment — Joyce Cary, C. S. Lewis, Cecil Day-Lewis to name but three.

Congreve, however, claimed by Brady and Cleeve on the ground of an Irish education, is left out — probably a defensible choice. On the other hand, Welch includes writers who could never claim a green passport, but whose work directly impacts upon Ireland: Froude, Trollope, Carlyle. And an historical actor such as Roger Casement merits an entry as an inspiration to Yeats and others, though his own poetry is not mentioned — which is just as well.

Of the more obvious inclusions, some entries are notably good: the eight columns on Joyce convey a miraculous amount of material with concision and intelligence, as do the four-and-a-half on the literary revival. The entry on Yeats is equally informative; it plays down his preoccupation with theatre which dominated so much of his life, but the Abbey has its own comprehensive entry.

Casement inspired Yeats

The emphasis reflects recent trends in literary scholarship: newly fashionable precursors of the Irish literary renaissance like Samuel Ferguson, William Carleton and Thomas Moore are treated perceptively and at length, and the brief guides to further reading are admirably up-to-date. A strength of the *Companion* is its readiness to cross-reference: an entry on the *immram* (voyage-tale) of Mael Duin ends with seductive connections to Tennyson, P. W. Joyce, A. P. Graves, Louis MacNeice and Paul Muldoon. The editor declares an intention to avoid jargon and he deserves heartfelt gratitude for succeeding.

THERE is much to relish between the lines — not least the pleasures of disagreement. It seems excessive to devote four columns on the erratic (and often inept) novelist Francis Stuart, whose unaccountable reputation seems more to do with longevity than anything else. There are inevitable lacunae — the novelist Pamela Hinkson's lesser work is mentioned, but not her rather better pseudonymous Great War fiction written as Peter Deane, recently highlighted by Hugh Cecil. And the editor of any enterprise like this *must* be prepared to provoke a missing persons roster: my own would include the popular late-Victorian poet and editor Rose Kavanagh, her contemporary the historical novelist Lily MacManus, the publisher Elizabeth Corbet Yeats, the nationalist politician and Imagist poet Desmond FitzGerald, the short-story writer Margaret Barrington, the critics T. R. Henn and Edna Longley (included only as the wife of the poet Michael), the historian and crime-novelist Ruth Dudley Edwards, the poet and short-story-writer Mary Dorcey, the novelist Anne Enright, the cultural commentator Fintan O'Toole and a number of Irish publishers (Maunsel & Co are in, but not Tower Press or Lilliput).

So much here is done so well that any reviewer must hesitate to cavil. But the point of a work like this is absolute accuracy, and even a cursory reading shows a pattern of small mistakes. Proof-reading is not impeccable (is there a reason why Day-Lewis's name is in lower-case, while other writers are full capitals?). Several titles are wrongly cited.

But these are hardly substantive points. Reprints will be frequent, and with them the opportunity for updating: already there is more to include, such as Seamus Heaney's Nobel Prize, and the tragically early death of the charismatic poet Sean Dunne.

As this shows, the *Companion* does more than plug a necessary gap in the unevenly-filled shelf of Irish reference books. It records and celebrates an extraordinarily distinguished intellectual achievement. It demonstrates Ireland's wildly disproportionate contribution to drama, poetry and the whole enterprise of literary modernism. Above all, it shows that the business of writing not only sustains an intimate relationship with everyday life in Ireland, but produces an invisible export, tipping a decisive balance in the global cultural economy.

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Down from Olympus

John Gribbin

EINSTEIN
A Life
By Denis Brian
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Denis Brian has gone halfway to producing a good book about Albert Einstein, having achieved the remarkable feat of telling the story of Einstein's life with only passing reference to his science. Like other recent biographers, Brian draws on material from the Einstein archives which has been released only in the past few years, and sheds new light on his personal life, in particular his relationship with his first wife, Mileva. It is right and proper to give this material precedence, precisely because it was not publicly available for so long. But the only reason anyone is interested in Einstein's personal life, such as the fact that he fathered an illegitimate child, is because of his fame as a scientist.

Without the science, the life is curiously lacking in context, like a biography of Gary Lineker which made only passing mention of the fact that he played football. This is especially true because, of all scientists, Einstein was the one who lived and breathed science, pushing personal relationships into the background to make room for his work — unlike, say, Richard Feynman, who led a colourful personal life alongside his science.

There is, though, much to enjoy in Brian's book, especially if you are already *au fait* with Einstein's scientific achievements, and can fill in the gaps for yourself.

He provides the best account I have seen of Einstein's early life and the romance with Mileva, a fellow student at the Zurich Polytechnic, while the years when Einstein worked at the Patent Office in Berne and discussed physics in his spare time with friends in the self-styled "Olympian Academy" come across as an idyllic time of youthful optimism and enthusiasm for life.

But we get no understanding of why it was Einstein, not one of the other "Olympians", who came up with the special theory of relativity and several other key ideas in 1905, nor do we learn how those seemingly diverse pieces of work actually fit together.

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Einstein with Mileva and their son, Hans Albert (1904)

Ten years later, with Einstein separated from Mileva and living in Berlin on his own, working intensively on his general theory of relativity, we get a superb insight into the balance between his science and the rest of his life with the image of him boiling an egg in a pan of soup to save time, stuffing both down his throat as quickly as possible to provide the fuel he needed to keep working, and suffering terrible bouts of indigestion.

But when Brian wants to tell us how important the general theory is, he can only fall back on quotes from Banesh Hoffman, who wrote an excellent biography of Einstein two decades ago. We only get the merest (and incomplete) mention of Einstein's great contributions to the development of quantum physics in the 1920s, but we get a detailed account of his travels to the United States and his meeting with Charlie Chaplin.

Less than halfway through the book, Einstein has reached the age of 50. All of his great work is behind him, and he has settled into a mundane routine. He did only two interesting things after 1929. One was to write to President Roosevelt suggesting the need for research into atomic weapons, the other was to turn down the offer of the presidency of Israel.

Yet in Brian's account, the years 1929-55 occupy much more space than the years 1879-1929. Most of that space would have been better devoted to explaining Einstein's science. One wonders just what kind of reader the author has in mind when he explains, for example, that Winston Churchill was "an influential Conservative Member of Parliament". The obvious question to ask of the book, if it is still correct to do so in these days of BSE scares, is "where's the beef?" The answer is that you'll have to find that somewhere else, perhaps in Hoffman's *Albert Einstein* or the excellent scientific biography by Abraham Pais, *Subtle is the Lord*.

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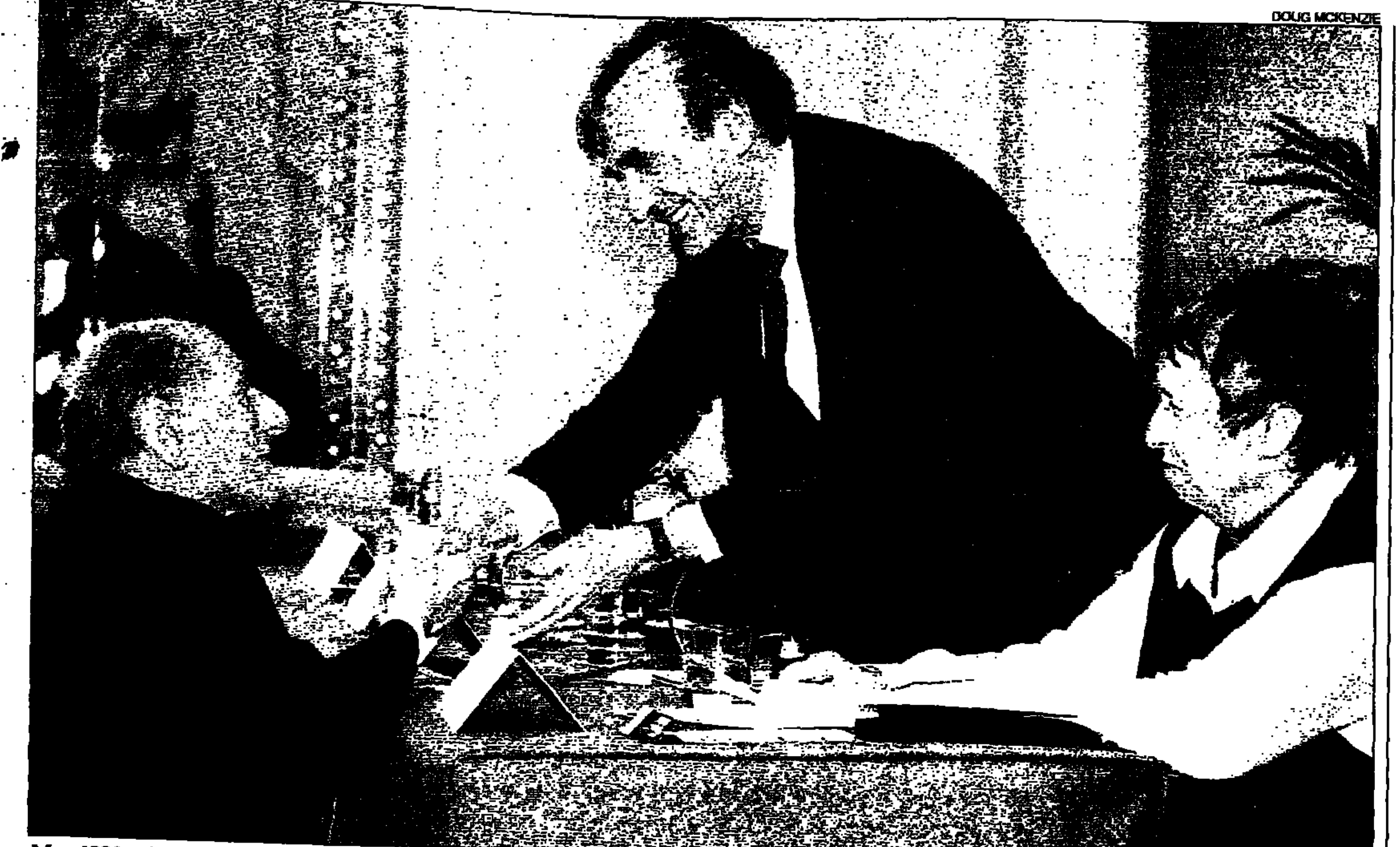
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May 1996: Elie Wiesel (centre) with Gitta Sereny and Leon Greenman (left), a fellow Holocaust survivor, at an address organised by Jewish Care

The story that offers hope of salvation

Martin Gilbert is inspired by the journey of a man who brings Jewish history to life

When Adolf Eichmann entered Hungary in the wake of the German army in March 1944, more than five million Jews had already been murdered. His aim was to destroy Hungarian Jewry before the Red Army entered Hungary. More than half a million Hungarian Jews, deported to Auschwitz at the most rapid rate imaginable, were murdered on arrival. Those who were deported with them, and survived, are eye-witnesses to a grotesque final act of the Holocaust.

Elie Wiesel is among those survivors. He has told part of this story before, but here he tells it as powerfully as ever, "and will tell it again", he writes, "hoping to find in it some hidden truth, some vague hope of salvation".

As the train taking the Jews from his home town of Sighet drew near to Auschwitz, his mother told him, as the possibility arose that the family might be separated there: "We'll meet again at home as soon as the war is over." Then, of his arrival at the notorious platform where Dr Mengele made his selections of who should live (for a while at least) and who should die, Elie Wiesel writes: "Nothing in the world could separate us. The entire German army could not take my little sister from me. Then a curt order was issued — men on one side, women on the other — and that was that." His little sister, his older sisters, his grandmother and his mother were taken away. They were gone "before I could tell my mother goodbye, before I could kiss her hand and beg her forgiveness for the wrongs I must have done her".

Elie Wiesel's father survived with him, until Buchenwald, where he died. "It was the darkest day of my life, a day heavy with meaning. I was weak and sick myself. Though I ached to help him, I did not know how." There are few more poignant pieces of writing in what is now called Holocaust literature than the son's description of his father's death, a mere two pages which encapsulate an eternity of suffering. "Whenever I think of him," the son writes, "I relive his agony, and a knot forms in my chest. I feel myself becoming an orphan. Yes, you can be orphaned more than once, no matter how old you are. And every time is the first time."

ALL RIVERS
RUN TO
THE SEA
Memoirs, Volume
I, 1928-69
By Elie Wiesel
HarperCollins, £20
ISBN 0 00 255673 1

The power of this book is all the greater because it describes, not only the destruction of Jewish lives but the life that was destroyed — the prewar life of sub-Carpathian Jewry. Elie Wiesel also tells of his own life after the war, of his journalist days, his early writings, and his return to Sighet. One of his most important postwar journeys was to the Soviet Union at a time when Soviet Jews were isolated and afraid, unable to leave and unable to live as Jews. From the moment of that visit, Elie Wiesel became the champion of the Jews trapped in the Soviet Union, and he remained their champion until, less than a decade ago, the gates were opened.

I remember in 1985 being approached in Moscow by the wife of a Jew who was in deep trouble with the Soviet authorities. She had travelled overnight from the Urals, at some risk to herself and at considerable risk to her husband. She had one request: ask Elie Wiesel to write something about my husband. The couple were convinced that publicity alone could open the gates of their prison, and that Elie Wiesel's was the pen that could be the most effective.

As soon as I was able to transmit this message, Elie Wiesel put pen to paper, and did so in the most widely circulated of all American newspapers. Several years later, when this couple were in London, they said that even their taskmasters had learnt of that article and, for all their anger at it, had treated them less harshly after that.

There are many vignettes in this book, for, like all the great Jewish story tellers whom Elie Wiesel loves, including the religious sages, he has a gift of narrative. At the Eichmann trial in Jerusalem, he looked at the very "ordinary man" in the glass cage, and thought that he remembered him. "I knew that he had been in Sighet to supervise the deportation, and I wondered whether he was the man I had seen at the station, visibly saddened because there were no more convoys to send out of this town now emptied of Jews."

Elie Wiesel was back in Jerusalem seven years later when the divided city was caught up in the Six Day War, and the barriers came down. "Do you know how we managed to defeat the enemy? Six million Jewish souls prayed for us," an old man next to him murmured, almost to himself.

In the diary that he wrote (in Yiddish) during the Six Day War, Elie Wiesel recalled his days at religious school in the Carpathians — how "my friends and I would let our imagination soar and allow it to lead us through secret tunnels buried in the Carpathians, to the land of Israel. It would be enough to pronounce a 'Name' and invisible gates would open before us. And then, at once, persecution, hatred and fear would end. Master of the Universe, we asked, please send us an emissary to reveal this holy, all-powerful 'Name' to us. But, sadly, no emissary ever appeared to enlighten us."

There are parts of this book that read like a novel by Isaac Bashevis Singer (who wrote for the same New York Yiddish paper for which Wiesel wrote, and learnt his writer's trade). Other parts are almost mystical; yet others are intensely personal. Through one man's journey, a wide swath of recent Jewish history comes movingly to life, and even with all its horrors, it is an uplifting tale.

Sir Martin Gilbert's book, The Holocaust: The Jewish Tragedy, *is published in paperback by Fontana Press*

Sleep's alchemy

Elaine Feinstein

THE DREAM
MISTRESS
By Jenny Diski
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £15.99
ISBN 0 297 81709 4

This is a profoundly disturbing novel, written with Diski's usual acuity, whose insights reflect an intelligence well aware of its own vulnerability. It is a novel about the fear of loneliness, the reluctance to accept the intrusion of companionship, and the absurdity of expecting such needs to be compatible.

Like many of Diski's best stories, it is set in the ugly battleground of London now, and opens with a menacing evocation of the weaving drunks and shuffling homeless of Camden Town. It is there, in a darkened alley, that Mimi passes the figure of a sleeping derelict and finds herself returning to investigate whether the unconscious body might be injured and in need of help. She discovers an old woman, stinking with the filth of poverty and neglect, and calls an ambulance for her before returning to the confusions of life with her unfaithful lover, Jack.

The paramedics, with savage irony, decide to name the unconscious woman Bella. As Mimi walks away, wondering who the woman might once have been, memories of her own lost mother, Leah, surface to trouble her. Her sharpest childhood memory is of Leah, once deserted by Mimi's father for another woman, recognising him in Charing Cross and pursuing him with a knife kept for the purpose in her handbag. Mimi's father escapes; essentially, the woman in Mimi's story, and also in those she invents, do not.

So it is we enter the consciousness of the injured woman, or rather the inner world Mimi fantasises for her. Sometimes she is a bomb blast victim, disfigured and reclusive but loved, waiting every evening for the man who looks after her to return. Sometimes she is Leah. And for a time she is a figure given miraculous power to restore life to a dead child. None of these imagined women can, or even wants, to relate intimately to anyone; yet like Mimi herself this does not protect them from the fear of abandonment.

Mimi has learnt the ironic shrug of those who avoid pain by replacing the desperation of emotional need with sex as a kind of wild greed. She despises the man she lives with, partly because he can't work unless there is someone in the same room; yet her detachment is equally pathological.

She has begun to fall asleep, publicly, as a way of ensuring that "reality ... would recede like a star expanding away from the centre of the universe". At length, the logic of that retreat leaves her preferring to stay in bed altogether. Being with other people might have pleasurable moments, she concludes, but her own dreams and the escape of sleep is a more reliable source of comfort. The derelict Bella, waking from her hospital bed of pain without memory of her own past is given a rather similar reflection: "Unconsciousness, at the moment, seemed a better bet." Only the quirky talent of Jenny Diski could make so bleak a vision engaging and even amusing.

In the deep freeze

Thom Jones: stories that circle the secret core of madness

Claire Messud

COLD SNAP
By Thom Jones
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THOM JONES'S new collection of stories recalls the sestina form. Jones's prose is almost anti-poetic in its brusqueness, but much of the book is linked by keywords. Africa, Aids, manic depression, doctors, diabetes, lithium, malaria, Stelazine — these components rearrange themselves with impressive variety in the first six pieces, lending thematic coherence and wit to this odd collection.

In the title story, *Cold Snap*, a manic-depressive doctor named Richard has recently returned from a stint in Africa, dismissed on account of his mania. He is better off, however, than his institutionalised younger sister Susan, whose self-inflicted lobotomy has left her child-like and affect-less. Not much happens — Richard takes his sister to the zoo and spends a sleepless night with her at home — and his high-pitched, digressive recounting is itself the point.

Cold Snap is followed by *Superman, My Son*, in which an aging businessman named Wilhelm Blaine visits his manic-depressive adopted son Walter. Although in the third person, this story, too, is largely structured around its digressions — about Wilhelm's recent involvement in a robbery, about talking parrots, about Walter's manic escapades.

Way Down Deep in the Jungle and *Quicksand*, both set in Africa, are more tightly formed. The former, about a drunken New Zealander named Dr Koestler and his pet baboon George Babbitt, recalls Somerset Maugham or Graham Greene: it captures the intensity and aimlessness of life in the bush. The latter is a sort of love story, about romance blossoming under the influence of malaria, a stone's throw from Rwanda's atrocities.

THESE, along with *Ooh Baby Baby*, the portrait of a diabetic plastic surgeon, are the strongest in the collection. Jones's attempt to give voice to an Aboriginal surfer-girl from Alice Springs, in *Rocketfire Red*, is downright unsuccessful; the other story about a woman, *I Need a Man to Love Me*, which chronicles a suicide, wavers also: its protagonist, a victim of muscular dystrophy ("She wasn't Stephen Hawking yet, or like that guy with the left foot, Christy Brown, but close"), has so little definition she is almost transparent, imaginable only for her wheelchair and her hoarded cache of pills.

The last two stories in the book, *Pot Shack* and *Dynamite Hands*, return to terrain familiar from Jones's first collection — the Vietnam War and boxing. They flow with an assurance that the other stories, in their breathlessness, lack; but they also feel like leftovers from an earlier stage in Jones's development.

The Pugilist At Rest was a remarkable book, in which the flaws seemed only to contribute to the stories' overall power. *Cold Snap* is less effective: its stories, like their characters, often ramble manically, without ever grasping the secret core of madness. This said, Jones circles greedily around that core, approaching it as few dare to: in this, his is an enterprise worthy of attention.

Untold tales

Andrew Lycett

WILD BILL AND
INTREPID
Donovan, Stephenson
and the Origin of CIA
By Thomas F. Troy
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Spying on your friends is still (just about) frowned on. Which explains why we have so little definitive material on one of Britain's greatest intelligence coups, its operations in the United States during the Second World War. Hitler's table talk may be common knowledge, along with details of Ultra's contribution to victory in the Atlantic. But despite freedom of information moves, the story of British Security Coordination (BSC), the New York based centre for various branches of British intelligence in North America, remains under wraps.

Even the supposed internal history of the organisation, which British scholars hoped might be released under the recent open government initiative, turns out to be a red herring: an intriguing but ultimately self-serving memoir commissioned at the end of the war by BSC's brilliant chief, the Canadian millionaire, Sir William Stephenson, now enshrined in legend as "Intrepid".

Troy's book approaches the issue from an American perspective. But, as former in-house CIA historian, he misses an opportunity to produce a revisionist account of BSC. Instead, he sandwiches his 25-year-old (recently declassified) Agency report on how far Stephenson engineered the establishment of a unified American intelligence service in July 1941 between some background "questions".

The author found himself crushed between two powerful myth-making machines. Officially founded in 1947, the CIA liked to trace its origins to mid-1940 when President Roosevelt plucked the dynamic war hero, Colonel "Wild Bill" Donovan from his job as a lawyer and, after sending him to London on a "fact-finding mission", appointed him Coordinator of Information (COI), the forerunner of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and, later, the CIA.

Troy was a junior analyst when an alternative British version appeared in *The Quiet Canadian*, a 1963 book by former BSC member Montgomery Hyde. This suggested that the eponymous Stephenson, ace fighter pilot turned successful international businessman, had been appointed United States personal representative of both Winston Churchill and British intelligence, with the express task of promoting Donovan to Roosevelt as head of American dirty tricks — no mean task since "Wild Bill" was a staunch Republican and FDR a Democrat.

Finding no useful corroborative CIA material, Troy travelled to Bermuda, where Stephenson was living in comfortable retirement. "Intrepid" introduced him to C. H. (Dick) Ellis, his former BSC deputy, whose first draft of Hyde's book he, as project instigator, had discarded as too dry.

Practitioners of the secret arts: Donovan (left) and Stephenson with the logo of CIA

Because Ellis was under investigation as a suspected Soviet agent, Troy was warned off further collaboration by the CIA's fiercely anti-Communist counter-intelligence chief, James Angleton. Undeterred, Stephenson set to work with William Stevenson, a fellow Canadian, on *The Man Called Intrepid*, an even more favourable interpretation of his war-time role — one so fanciful, in fact, that it diminished his status as a skilled practitioner of the secret arts.

Troy shows that moves to unify American intelligence were well advanced by 1941. Donovan's case was promoted by Frank Knox, who was appointed Secretary of the Navy in June 1940, as the United States began to react to developments in Europe.

Many British elements, including the Ambassador Lord Lothian, worked to bolster mutual co-operation during this difficult period. Donovan welcomed opportunities to observe an integrated operational intelligence service in Britain, but was never, as "Intrepid" later suggested, an old friend of Stephenson, still less a British agent recruited in 1916.

On the other hand, Troy underestimates the determination of the wily Britishers (his word) to get Washington in on their side. That meant signing up prominent journalists as paid agents, as well as infiltrating the docks to ensure the safety of British supplies. By 1943 BSC's task was virtually over and, as Troy reports, that was when Stephenson first began embellishing his reputation. Quite why such a distinguished man felt this need surely requires a new biography. One personal hunch: it is no coincidence that Hyde's book appeared in 1963, the year Philby defected to Moscow, when British intelligence needed authentic champions to throw in the face of people like Angleton.

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GOLF

Beames aims low in attempt to reach the heights

By John Hopkins, golf correspondent

ONCE the early morning rain that dogged the opening matches in the first round of the Amateur Championship at Turnberry had been blown away by a sturdy southwesterly that was gusting at up to 40mph, a buzz quickly spread among competitors and spectators alike. "This is the weather for Beames," went the word. "He hits the ball lower than anyone."

Beames, who is 21 and reached the semi-finals of the Amateur last year, was born in Kilbirnie, Ayrshire, before moving to Wick at the age of 13 and taking up golf. Wick, which is 17 miles from John O' Groat's, is not known to be a hotbed of golf. Indeed, to some Scots, it is not known to be a hotbed of anything. "Wick is to Scotland what Tasmania is to Australia," a man who can be permitted such politically-incorrect statements on the grounds that he is Scottish, said at Turnberry. "No Scot has ever been to Wick just as no Australian has been to Tasmania. I know nothing about Wick except that it might be as far north of here as London is south."

Beames, it was said, hits the ball so low that spectators have to duck. He calculated that he travelled 14,000 miles playing amateur golf last year. "Everything is a 500-mile round trip for me," he said. In the 1995 Amateur he lost to Gordon Sherry, the eventual winner, a performance that put him into the Scotland team for the home internationals.

Before Beames teed-off against Michael Searle, whose home club, Lyme Regis, is about as far south in England as Beames's is north in Scotland, Warren Bladon continued the form he had shown in jointly leading the qualifying competition.

"Warren always was an impressive hitter," Peter McEvoy, the England captain, said of his former team-mate in the Warwickshire team. "He is very powerful, even if he has not got the greatest patience."

It was midway through the homeward half that the power that Bladon generates from within his 6ft 3in, 17-stone frame began to tell. He broke clear of the challenge of Steven Allan, the Australian whose two qualifying scores were 86 and 65, with a startling burst. Bladon went four, three, three, four from the 13th and that was enough to give him victory by 3 and 2.

If there was a prize for dedication, then Euan Little, 20, would win it hands down. He practises for six hours each day, in three two-hour sessions, sometimes hitting as many as 1,500 balls. He put in two hours yesterday morning before comfortably beating Denny Lucas — and then went out to carry Beames's bag.

If there was a prize for precocity, then another Scot, Fraser McLaughlan, would probably win that. At 17 he is the youngest competitor in the tournament and to hear him talk you would think he was 27 or 37. He was out in 36, one over par, and still only one over when he defeated Paul Nelson on the 15th.

Then Beames came into the view of the spectators gathered beneath the monument to the right of the 12th green. He was already five up and from the way he drove on the 13th it was clear that word of his low-hitting prowess had not been exaggerated. His drive bored through the wind and ended 30 yards past Searle's. His second never rose above knee-height.

Searle may not have meant his words for publication but they are accurate nonetheless. After he had ballooned his second to the 13th, and cursed himself, he said of Beames, perhaps prophetically: "I played like … but he'll take some beating this week."

The second round will be a severe test for Beames this morning. He faces Jody Fanagan, the Ireland international and Walker Cup player. Fanagan was one down after three holes against Jamie Little, but took the 13th, 14th and 15th on his way to victory. Fanagan said he played "very solid golf" but pointed out that, in the wind that had blown all day, 18-hole matches were a bit of a lottery.

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Faldo laying plans for assault on major prize

From a Correspondent in Westchester, New York

WHILE most golfers only watched as the New York area was hit by more than three inches of rain, Nick Faldo was already looking ahead to next week and the US Open before preparing for the Buick Classic that starts at Westchester today.

Faldo visited the US Open venue, Oakland Hills, en route from his base in Florida and he was impressed with the course that nestles in the suburbs of Detroit, Michigan.

"I wanted to get a picture of what I should work on this week and I will spend plenty of time pitching the ball out of the heavy rough they have here at Westchester," Faldo said. "The rough at the Open course is five or six inches deep and this will be the perfect place to practise."

Faldo might even adopt the aggressive approach that was so rewarding against Greg Norman in the Masters at Augusta in April.

"When you decide to have an aggressive attitude, you must accept the consequences," Faldo said. "If you feel it is right to go for it, whatever happens, you must stick by it. The US Open is no different, it's just that your target gets moved. If you are playing well, the target area becomes 15 feet to the right or left, to give you an easier putt. If you are doing that better than anybody else, then you are being aggressive."

Paul Eales has won a place in the US Open after coming through the final qualifying competition in Tenafly, New Jersey, but Howard Clark has withdrawn, opting to spend time with his wife, who a week ago gave birth to their second child.

GARY ANTHONY

Bryson, left, lines up a putt with his caddie en route to a 2 and 1 defeat by Orr

Players set for rough ride

By Mel Webb

COLIN MONTGOMERIE has pronounced himself satisfied with the set-up of the Arden course for the Alamo English Open, which starts at the Forest of Arden today. But then he would, seeing as he is largely responsible for it.

Montgomerie is a consultant to the Marriott group, which manages the Forest of Arden, and has been working with the course manager and greenkeeping staff to toughen up the course for one of the PGA European Tour's bigger tournaments. The result is a layout that rewards good golf (which Montgomerie just happens to play 98 per cent of the time), and severely punishes anything less (the two per cent that is left).

The changes to the course are cosmetic, but closer examination reveals a philosophy that borders on the sadistic. The fairways have been allowed to grow in, the rough is more punishing than it has been on the three occasions this tournament has been held there, and there are thick collars of grass around the greens. Many are the spleens that will be vented this week by frustrated golfers up to their ears in vegetation.

Montgomerie insisted yesterday that it is entirely coincidental that the tournament that follows this one, for him and 19 other European Tour members, is the US Open at Oakland Hills next week. The Scot may be a man of unimpeachable probity, but anyone guessing that the conditions in Michigan will include narrow fairways, and thick rough alongside fairways and around greens, would not be a million miles wide of the mark.

The one thing that the transatlantic travellers will find completely different this week is the speed and condition of the greens. There have been problems with the putting surfaces, many of them caused by the English spring that is only now beginning to move into summer. Montgomerie's verdict is that they putt better than they look, which, given the way they look, is but a small consolation.

"I think the staff here have done a very good job," Montgomerie said. "The course looks fabulous, and if the greens are not what we hoped for, they are certainly in an acceptable condition.

"This is now as tough a layout as we will find in Europe. It will be a good test of golf, but it's important to be patient — they don't pay out until Sunday. It's absolutely no good hoping to get by with chipping and putting. The key will be to hit the fairways." He should know; he does it more often than most.

FOOTBALL

Swiss squad hit by injuries as kick-off looms

By Russell Kempson and Peter Ball

SWITZERLAND will play England in the opening match of Euro 96 on Saturday without Christophe Ohrel, the St Etienne midfield player. He has left the squad and returned home after breaking the big toe of his right foot in training.

Ohrel, 28, has been one of the side's most influential players, having won 47 international caps and scored six goals. He will be replaced by Patrick Sylvestre, 27, of Sion, who made a brief appearance in the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States. Sylvestre gained the last of his 11 caps two years ago.

Artur Jorge, the Switzerland coach, is also worried about the fitness of Stephane Henchoz, the Hamburg defender. He returned to training yesterday, after a week's absence, when the squad arrived at their Euro 96 base in Ware, Hertfordshire.

Jorge's preparations have been further hindered by a mix-up over the use of Wembley Stadium. Swiss officials believed that they would be able to train at the national stadium today but their session has been put off until tomorrow because it is being used to practise the tournament's opening ceremony today.

"I understand the need to practise the ceremony but this is more important," Jorge said. "The football has to come first."

Guido Cornella, vice-president of the Swiss FA, said: "We only found out two days ago that we couldn't train when we wanted to. It is not good enough."

Holland arrive in England today fresh from Tuesday's 3-1 victory over Ireland in Rotterdam and without any of the wrangles about money or the position of the coach that have bedevilled Dutch preparations in the past.

Guus Hiddink, the coach, has had his contract extended to take the national side through to the 1998 World Cup finals, so the figure of Johan Cruyff, the former Barcelona manager, loitering in the wings is less of a threat — unless Holland lose to Scotland. Danny Blind, the captain, has negotiated £65,000 on behalf of the players as a reward for qualifying and they stand to make approximately £170,000 each if they go on to win the competition.

Jaap Stam, the PSV Eindhoven defender, was called into the Holland squad yesterday to replace Frank de Boer, who was sent home with an ankle injury on Tuesday. Peter Hoekstra, the Ajax winger, is carrying a knee injury and the fitness of Patrick Kluivert remains in some doubt.

Kluivert has been insisting that he will be fit to play. He did not look it when he appeared as a substitute in the European Cup final two weeks ago and he was not even on the substitutes' bench on Tuesday night.

"Kluivert is a problem, he has got a little damage to the knee, still some liquid on it," Guus Hiddink, the coach, said. "He is a willing little horse, but I have to put the brake on a bit."

If Kluivert is missing, Hiddink will have to decide whether to use Yuri Mulder, the Schalke 04 forward, or move Bergkamp into the striker's role. "Using Bergkamp there is something I will think about," Hiddink said.

Croatia, who do not arrive in England until Saturday, have been preparing for their group D campaign in the countryside around Carrickmacross in Co Monaghan, Ireland. Fishing, table tennis and snooker have figured highly on the agenda, with a touch of football thrown in for good measure.

In *The Times Magazine* on Saturday: the heroes, hat-tricks and haircuts of 1966 remembered

"It is beautiful here," Mladen Petreski, a team spokesman, said yesterday. "We are getting all the oxygen we need and the players are feeling really refreshed."

Since drawing 2-2 with Ireland in Dublin on Sunday, the Croatians have retired to the plush sports and leisure complex of the Nuremore hotel. They were due to play a charity match at United Park, Drogheda, last night against a League of Ireland Select XI to raise money for a project for refugeed children back home in Osijek.

FIXTURES

CRICKET

First Cornhill Test match
11.0, first day of five, 90 overs minimum
EDGBASTON: England v India

Britannic Assurance championship
11.0, first day of four, 104 overs minimum
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Lancashire
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Derbyshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Glamorgan
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Warwickshire
HOVE: Sussex v Durham
MIDDLESBROUGH: Yorkshire v Surrey
Second day of four, 104 overs minimum
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Kent

University match
11.30, first day of three
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Worcestershire

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset; Shenley Park: MCC Young Cricketers v Sussex; Northampton: Northamptonshire v Middlesex; Worksop College: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Bramham three-day event (Bramham).

GOLF: English Open (Forest of Arden); English Open seniors amateur championship (Ormskirk and West Lancs)

TENNIS: Beckenham Open (Beckenham Cricket Club).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Ipswich v Peterborough (7.30); Middlesbrough v Reading (7.30); Sheffield v Wolverhampton (7.45)

CYCLING

Final sprint secures stage for Cipollini

MARIO CIPOLLINI, of Italy, sealed his fourth victory on the Giro d'Italia, in Vicenza, yesterday when he raced across the line to win the 216km (about 135 miles) eighteenth stage from Meda.

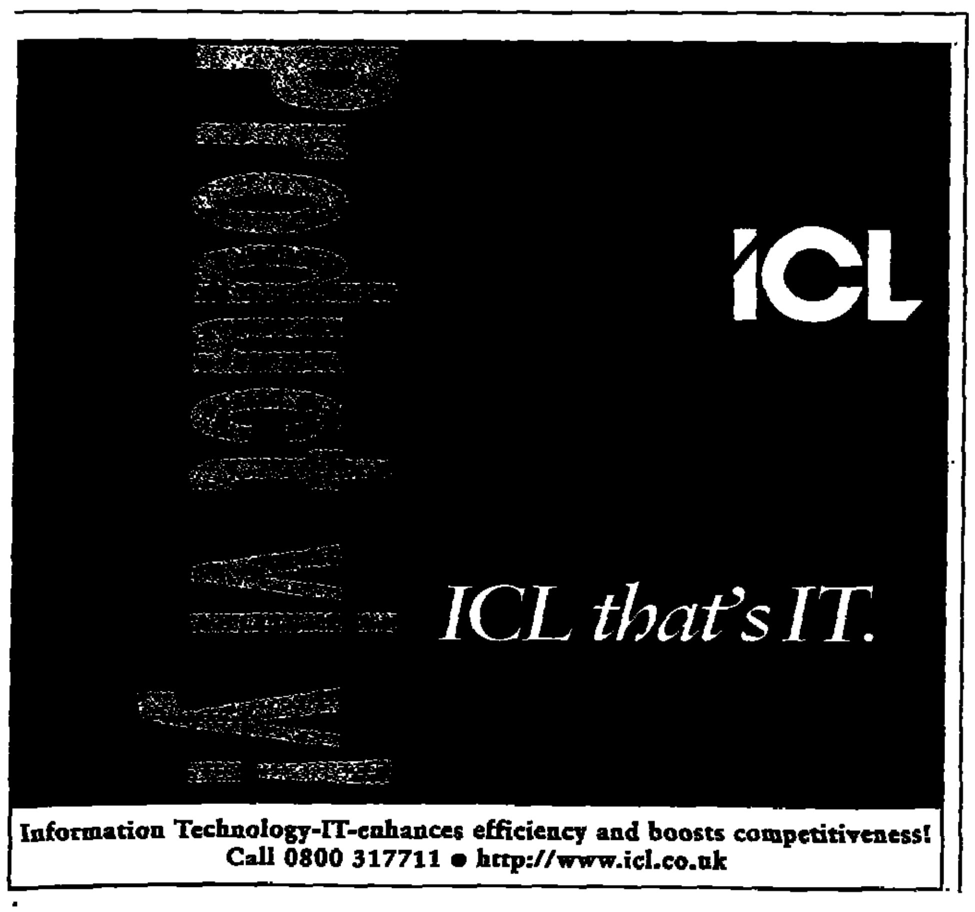
Cipollini, who also won sprint finishes on the fourth, eighth and eleventh stages, hit the front with 80 metres to go and was in no danger of being caught by his pursuing countryman, Giovanni Lombardi. Pavel Tonkov, of Russia, retained the overall leader's pink jersey, however.

The peloton faces three tough days before the final stage in Milan on Sunday. Today is a 62km time-trial, followed by two testing mountain stages tomorrow and Saturday, which feature nine difficult hill climbs.

The Criterium du Dauphine, in France, also saw a home stage-winner when Gilles Bouvard outsprinted Mariano Rojas, of Spain, and Christian Henn, of Germany, in the final 100 metres, to win the 176km third stage in Tournon-sur-Rhone yesterday.

The 26-year old rider survived an early breakaway by his countryman, Laurent Jalabert, the world champion, to score his first victory. Chris Boardman, of Britain, and Tony Rominger, the former Swiss world champion, were among a group of five riders that broke clear with Jalabert at the 49km mark.

Despite opening up a gap of one minute, they were caught by the peleton before Henn, Rojas and Bouvard made a break with 30km to go.



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IN BRIEF

Bath want to talk with Eagles

JOHN HALL, the Bath director of rugby, is seeking talks with Sheffield Eagles rugby league club over their reported interest in Jon Sleightholme, the England international wing.

Hall said: "Jon will be playing for Bath next season and committed to an intense programme of preparation. There has been no approach from Sheffield Eagles received by this club and I hope to talk to Gary Hetherington to establish the full facts of the situation."

Eagles have made approaches to Sleightholme's representatives to see if he would like to play Super League for the rest of the summer season.

Harvey soars

Gliding: Peter Harvey, of Britain, remained on the Open Class leaderboard on the third day of the European championships in Rayskala, Finland, despite a nail-biting last 5km low and slow final glide on the class 530km polygon task. Alister Kay retained overall second in the 15 metres, with a sixth place over 475km on the third day.

New World Cup

Rowing: A new annual international team competition, the World Cup, will start in 1997. World Cup regattas, for all 14 Olympic boat classes, will be staged at three-weekly intervals in Munich and Paris, with the finals in Lucerne. The full participation of a British team could be in doubt since the Lucerne finals fall one week after Henley Royal Regatta.

Joyner out

Athletics: Florence Griffith Joyner, who set world records in winning the 100 metres and 200 metres gold medals at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, will not compete at the Atlanta Games due to tendinitis.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

To make the most of the North-South assets on this hand you have to play the spades and diamonds in the right order.

Dealer South **Love all** **Rubber bridge**

	♠KQ4 ♥A103 ♦Q5 ♣Q10874	
♠10987 ♥742 ♦K84 ♣632	N W E S	♠652 ♥K986 ♦10763 ♣95
	♠AJ3 ♥QJ5 ♦AJ92 ♣AKJ	

S	W	N	E
2 NT	Pass	6 NT	All pass

Contract: 6NT by South. Lead: ten of spades

It was a reasonable auction with the merit of simplicity. How would you have tackled the play?

South saw things in a simple light. There were ten top winners and possible finesses in both red suits. He started by winning in hand and running the queen of hearts. If this finesse had been right he would have had twelve tricks but it lost and he still had only eleven in sight. When, subsequently, the diamond finesse failed, so did the slam.

It is true that the chances of at least one out of two finesses succeeding was 75%, but a better approach would have been to lead a low diamond from hand at trick two. This works beautifully as the cards lie - if West goes in with his king, there is no need for the heart finesse, and if West allows dummy's queen to win declarer switches smartly to hearts.

You may argue that there was no reason to expect West to hold the king of diamonds rather than East. Perfectly true, but if the queen loses to the king there is the extra edge that the ten of diamonds may fall in three rounds which would make the heart finesse unnecessary. And the finesse is still available if the ten of diamonds has not appeared.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BYCOKET
a. A cap
b. A breed of bantam
c. Cheated

ACARUS
a. A Greek demigod
b. A cheesemite
c. A boil in the ear

BESONIO
a. A medieval guitar
b. A beggar
c. The Turkish kilt

ATRABILARIOUS
a. Melancholy
b. To do with quadrangles
c. Predatory

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
chess correspondent

Resistance

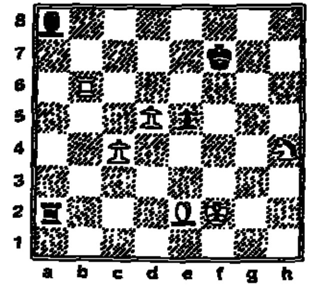
Today I continue my preview of games between the two contenders for the FIDE (World Chess Federation) Championship set to start today. This clash was one of the earliest between Karpov and Kamsky. At the outset of his career Kamsky's lack of sophistication in his choice of openings often landed him quickly in trouble. Against Karpov, this kind of thing can be readily fatal, and in spite of immense resistance Kamsky was finally forced to capitulate after a long endgame. Karpov starts the FIDE match as favourite, leading Kamsky by five wins to two in their previous encounters.

White: *Anatoly Karpov*
Black: Gata Kamsky
Reggio Emilia 1991

Queen's Indian Defence

1	c4	Nf6
2	Nc3	e6
3	Nf3	b6
4	g3	Bb7
5	Bg2	Be7
6	d4	Ne4
7	Bd2	d6
8	d5	Nxd2
9	Nxd2	e5
10	e4	Nd7
11	h4	h5
12	b4	g6
13	Bh3	a6
14	Nb3	Nf6
15	Qe2	Bf8
16	a4	Bh6
17	a5	0-0
18	0-0	Bc8
19	Bg2	Rb8
20	b5	Ng4
21	axb6	cxb6
22	bxa6	f5
23	exf5	gxf5
24	Ra3	Ra8
25	a7	Rf7
26	Nb5	Qf6
27	Na1	f4
28	Nc2	Rg7
29	Nb4	Bb7
30	Rd3	Rf8
31	Nc3	Qd8
32	Ne4	Qc7
33	Ra3	Ba8
34	Nc6	Kh8
35	R1a1	Rgf7
36	Kh1	Rg7
37	Rb3	Rgf7
38	Raa3	Kg8
39	Qe1	Kh8
40	Kg1	Rf5
41	Qb4	fxg3
42	fxg3	Bc1
43	Ra1	Be3+
44	Kh1	Nf2+
45	Nxf2	Bc5
46	Qd2	Rxf2
47	Qh6+	Qh7
48	Qxh7+	Kxh7
49	Rbb1	Rg8
50	Rf1	Rxg3
51	Rxf2	Bxf2
52	Rf1	Bc5
53	Rf8	Rg8
54	Be4+	Kg7
55	Rf5	Rh8
56	Bf3	Bf2
57	Bxh5	Bxh4
58	Rf7+	Kh6
59	Be2	Kg5
60	Kg2	Rg8
61	Ne7	Re8
62	Rf5+	Kh6
63	Rh5+	Kg7
64	Nf5+	Kf6
65	Nxh4	Re7
66	Rf5+	Kg7
67	Rg5+	Kf6
68	Rg6+	Kf7
69	Rxd6	Rxa7
70	Rxb6	Ra2
71	Kf2	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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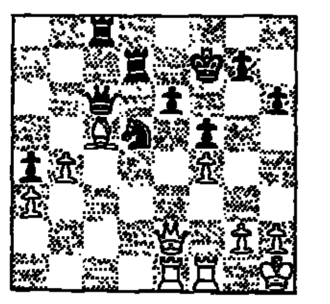
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



White to play. This position is from the game Kamsky — Ribli, Reggio Emilia 1991. Until now this game had been a heavyweight manoeuvring battle but now Kamsky decided the game in his favour with a quick tactical thrust. What did he play?

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CRICKET

Kent waste initiative earned by Ward's flair

By Jack Bailey

LEICESTER (first day of four; Kent won toss): Kent have scored 318 for eight wickets

SITTING at the top of the championship table for the first time since September 1988 and determined to wipe out all memories of last year's bottom place, there is a resolve about Kent which is good to see. Yesterday, they needed all their new-found resolution. Leicestershire are also up there with the best of them, sharp in the field and, even without Mullally, an attacking force to be reckoned with.

So it was a hard day's cricket, full of fight. When Ward was in flight, on his way to 90, cruelly cut off from his third century of the season by a brilliant catch, Kent looked destined to establish a well-nigh impregnable position. However, Leicestershire pegged them back on a good, bouncy pitch and, although Graham Cowdrey overcame a torrid time at the hands of Millns and Simmons to move into the seventies, and Steve Marsh made the day's fastest 50, Leicestershire clung on.

Until Marsh's admirably pugnacious brand of batting held sway, it looked as though Leicestershire might do a great deal more than that. Millns bowled genuinely fast and was unlucky not to take a wicket in a menacing opening spell. Simmons wobbled the ball threateningly at a brisk medium pace. Parsons demonstrated that he still knew a trick or two.

Pierson and Brimson were able to obtain occasional purchase with their spin, which suggested that Kent had done well to win the toss. Throughout it all, Whitaker's men bowled their overs with unusual briskness, and they gave their all in the field.

Kent's progress to the heights of 107 for two at lunch owed much to the rich form of Ward, whose firm driving and clever placements were in a class alone. Undefeated on 62 at lunch, he succeeded Fleming, who perished in familiar fashion, forcing outside the off stump and caught behind. Fulton needed good fortune to survive almost to the break, especially against Millns. He became Nixon's second victim. By then Ward was in full flow. Equally at ease against pace and spin, he hit nine fours in his first 50 runs.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Ward hits the ball past Parsons, the Leicestershire bowler, on his way to 90 yesterday

Hooper looked in the sort of fettle which delights friends and sends foes scurrying for cover. He hit Brimson out of the ground and advanced down the wicket to Pierson to try to destroy the spinners' length, but this time he was bowled via the inside edge and when, two overs later, Ward was caught by Maddy, diving and twisting in the air as the ball seemed certain to clear the boundary, Kent were in crisis.

Ward's 90 had come from 139 balls and he had hit 15 fours when he met his untimely end. Kent, on 167 for four, were teetering on the brink and both Cowdrey and Ealham had early problems with their timing of the ball. Only Marsh with a half-century from 67 balls was able to settle in quickly.

He and Cowdrey put on 85 for the sixth wicket to ensure that Kent finished the day at least on an even keel. When Millns took the second new ball it quickly became apparent that Leicestershire were not yet done. He richly deserved the wickets of Cowdrey and McCague and when Marsh fell to the persistent Simmons, it was almost back to square one, with no clear advantage.

Kent do have their runs on the board, however, and with a pitch which looks as though it may increasingly take spin, Leicestershire will be thanking their lucky stars that Min Patel is at Edgbaston and not at Grace Road.

SCOREBOARD

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton c Nixon b Simmons	34
M V Fleming c Nixon b Parsons	5
T R Ward c Maddy b Simmons	90
C L Hooper b Pierson	26
G R Cowdrey c Simmons b Millns	71
M A Ealham c Nixon b Parsons	14
*†S A Marsh lbw b Simmons	51
M J McCague c Habib b Millns	*0*
N W Preston not out	7
B J Phillips not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 4, nb 8)	19
Total (8 wkts, 110 overs)	318

E J Stanford to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-100, 3-155, 4-167, 5-225, 6-310, 7-310, 8-310

BOWLING: Millns 19-8-38-2, Parsons 19-3-56-2, Wells 8-1-22-0, Pierson 22-5-70-1, Simmons 18-3-43-3, Brimson 24-6-82-0

LEICESTERSHIRE: V J Wells, D L Maddy, B F Smith, *J J Whitaker, P V Simmons, A Habib, †P A Nixon, G J Parsons, D J Millns, A R K Pierson, M T Brimson

Bonus points: Leicestershire 3, Kent 3.

Umpires: J D Bond and D J Constant

Bradman-like qualities mark India's champion

JOHN WOODCOCK

On the Edgbaston Test match

England's good showing in the recent Texaco one-day series, in which they outplayed India in all three matches, was not materially significant so much as psychologically useful. If they win the Test matches, the first of which starts at Edgbaston today, with the same ease, that will count for a lot more, and, against ruffled opposition, it ought not to be beyond them.

The Indians have been having an unrewarded tour, disconcerted by the deficiency of their bowling, the defection of Navjot Sidhu and the coldest May for 73 years, and if the pitch for this first Test match should resemble an English meadow rather than a sun-scorched Indian *maidan* as it may, that will not suit them either.

It would be a pity for India's batsmen not to be given a fair chance, irrespective of whether or not England's were when they were in India last, in the winter of 1992-1993. Knowing how much better India's spinners were than England's and how much better their own batsmen played spin bowling, the groundsmen on that tour went a little too far, perhaps, in making sure that the ball turned from the word go.

Of their last 15 home Test matches, India have, in fact, won 11 and lost one, whereas of their last 28 away from home, they have won only one. Technically, though, they are nothing like as much at sea in a dismal English summer as they used to be. Since the early 1980s their batsmen have had the benefit of covered pitches, and many of their best players manage to get here now from quite an early age, for a season with a clubor one of their junior representative sides.

Also, of course, they have in their ranks today, to embolden and reassure them, a batting marvel. In a rare and positively final appearance on television last week, undertaken in order to secure the future of the cricket museum named after him in Bowral, his childhood home, Sir Donald Bradman said that he thinks his own batting may have borne some resemblance to Sachin Tendulkar's. As an accolade, this must rank with W. G. Grace's when, upon being asked which of his contemporaries he rated most highly as a batsman, he said: "Give me Arthur." So there they are: Shrewsbury and Tendulkar coupled with Grace and Bradman in the hall of fame.

The Bradman-Tendulkar analogy makes a fascinating subject. Bradman was an inch or too taller but probably a pound or two lighter. Because of his oriental make-up, Tendulkar has the more exotic, chancier repertoire; owing to his cast of mind and strength of will, Bradman sold his wicket more dearly. Common to both are instinctive and lightning fast footwork, unquestionable genius, a wonderful capacity for placing the ball and a fine regard of the great game itself.

Bradman, who is not given to false modesty, believes that there were other Australians of his time who had as much natural ability as he himself. Even if one accepts that, what no one else has ever possessed or is ever likely to, is the same *combination* of brilliance, voracity and mental stamina, which enabled him to average an incredible 99.94 in Test cricket. His sight, when tested while he was still playing, was not exceptional, though his "eye" must have been for him to have hit a ball with a stump with the regularity that he did as a boy.

Now 23 years and 44 days old, Tendulkar has scored eight Test hundreds and averages 51.72. At exactly the same age, Bradman had also scored eight Test hundreds (from 21 innings as against 55) but was already averaging 94.45. Geoffrey Boycott, who might be said to have had the same insatiable appetite for runs and the same powers of concentration as Bradman, but not the same vision, retired from Test cricket with an average of 47.72. Marvellously good though Tendulkar is, the difference between his present Test average and Bradman's ultimate one is unlikely to be reduced by much.

Evolution keeps turning it, anyway, into a meaner, less free-scoring game, one more similar at times to that which England played in the Bodyline series, when Bradman averaged not 99 but 56.

A last thought on all this. If it could be done unobtrusively and Bradman were agreeable, the Indian authorities should send their young champion to Adelaide to spend a day with Australia's greatest sporting legend, to discuss not only the theory and practice of cricket but also the problems of handling fame. From all accounts, Tendulkar is a good deal better at that than Brian Lara, his Caribbean counterpart, but no one ever came to terms with it better than Bradman and it is a *sine qua non* of the rounded sporting idol.

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts
1	Eatons Goats 2 (J Eaton)	6000
2	Eatons Goats (J Eaton)	5974
3	Eatons Goat 3 (J Eaton)	5956
4	K P Allstars 3 (KR Patel)	5867
5	Freds Team (R Price)	5830
6	*Araturks (P Stewart)*	*5811*
7	Oh Nevile (H Paul)	5764
8	Opportunists 4th XI (P Stewart)	5757
9	Formula 5 (M Loveridge)	5751
10	Breakfast Boys (J Goodman)	5750
=11	Johns Boys 3 (M Jones)	5746
=11	Scottshire A (P Schofield)	5746
13	Spread Eaglets 3rd X (P Stewart)	5729
14	Odissy Three (M Long)	5719
15	Webbies Wailes (AR Howse)	5698
16	The May Allstars (D Tattoo)	5694
17	Teddy Two (B Bear)	5690
18	Opportunists 1st XI (P Stewart)	5688
19	(D Ajitar)	5686
20	The Gillespie Rogues (T Doyle)	5678
21	Old Southgate XI (P Gregoriou)	5637
22	Taunton A (J Hunt)	5636
23	Perth Finders A (P Stewart)	5625
=24	M J S Team 1 (R Stent)	5623
=24	XI Gladiators (D Fungley)	5623
26	*Sunderland CC 2 (J Sunderland)*	*5621*
27	Jones Boys Two (M Jones)	5620
28	Taff's Tigers (J Short)	5619
29	Hunt 4 £10,000 E (J Hunt)	5615
30	*Mumm (M Boswal)*	*5610*
31	Fatc Sloggers (B Jackson)	5605
32	Rollings Stampum (D Finley)	5597
33	Jones Boys One (ML Jones)	5591
34	Dream Team 1 (M Dunn)	5590
35	Early Birds 3 (M Whitley)	5583
36	Ashleys Army (C Hawkins)	5577
37	*Bert's Allsorts 1 (BE Howes)*	5575
38	The Bodyliners (C Taylor)	5573
=39	Wednesdayshire (A Hibberd)	5568
=39	Bowled Marilyn (H Paul)	5568
41	The Run Rats (Mrs L Tattoo)	5567
42	Dream Team 2 (M Dunn)	5562
43	Sandwich Stag (I Ellis)	5551
44	*Law Of Australia (H Paul)*	*5548*
45	Lindas Loosers (L Tattoo)	5538
=46	Virtual Reality (TJ Hillman)	5537
=46	Carju's Crickets (J Candy)	5537
48	*Hotpakes (M Ward)*	5534
49	Hunt 4 £10,000 F (J Hunt)	[illegible]
50	Triple Peelers (JB Portwood)	[illegible]
50	Hunt 4 £10,000 E (J Hunt)	[illegible]
52	Hunt 4 £10,000 A (J Hunt)	5529
53	Lord Of This Room (V Lee)	5527
=54	*M C M (M Foswal)*	*5526*
=54	Bertie's Allsorts 11 (BE Howes)	5526
56	Badal XI (FD Hussain)	5520
=57	[illegible]	5516
=57	The Ultimate (JE Portwood)	5516
=59	[illegible] (JG McCrossan)	5507
=59	Outside Edge (B Brooks)	5507
61	[illegible]	[illegible]
=62	[illegible]	[illegible]
=62	[illegible]	[illegible]
64	Opportunists 3rd (P Stewart)	[illegible]
=65	[illegible]	[illegible]
=65	[illegible]	[illegible]
67	Mighty Bats (D Tattoo)	[illegible]
68	[illegible] (D Hodges)	5488
=69	B B's First XI (G Brooks)	5487
=69	The Boundary Boys (C Toby)	5487
71	[illegible]	5480
72	Ricardos Maniacs (R Williams)	5475
73	[illegible] Dedicated (J Evelyn)	5474
74	Teddy Four (B Spare)	5465
75	Joint Venture 1 (S Richardson)	5461
76	May Special's 2 (M Whitley)	5456
77	Gill's Invitation XI (G Meyer)	5452
78	*Nutlun CC (M Hawkins)*	*5447*
79	Duncan Idaho F (G Still)	5441
80	Four Back (JB Portwood)	5438
81	Fungs Amock (JT Auckman)	5436
82	Als Lot	5435
83	Capricorn 9 (P Stewart)	5432
84	Oh Jiffy Six (M Long)	5423
85	The Eunmes 3 (E Warren)	5422
86	Bring Back Botham (K Booth)	5421
87	Tim's Twisters (GW Corbett)	5416
88	Dave (D Hopkin)	5414
89	The Best Men (M Collins)	5413
90	Abilty 1 (M Long)	5411
=91	Cockatiel Heads (C Woodward)	5405
=91	Gresham Two Thousand (P O'Brien)	5405
93	*Holden End CC (T Morgan)*	*5404*
94	Asparagus Twelve (Barcis)	5396
=95	Boundary Board XI (A Youngman)	5395
=95	Lisa's Winner (D Williams)	5395
97	M C K K Boys (AZA Ghani)	5394
=98	Leg's XI (A Vaughan)	5389
=98	Kastareel Casuals (WE Foster)	5389
=98	Brain's Choice 1 (BE Howes)	5389

Manager of the month

K&C

The first manager of the month in the *Times* Interactive Team Cricket competition is N. Ellison, of Dromore, Co Down, who recorded the highest points total in May.

The prize comes in two parts: a Kent & Curwen single-breasted blazer, a Kent & Curwen long-sleeved cricket sweater and an official England T-shirt and sunhat, plus a PACE satellite dish and decoder with six months' free subscription to Sky Sports.

PACE

The season-long competition is being dominated by the Eatons Goats teams, which remarkably occupy the top three places — but the season does have more than three months to run.

Eatons Goats 2, the leading side, comprises: Graeme Hick, Graham Thorpe, Kim Barnett, Adam Hollioake, Paul Whitaker, Chris Cairns, Robert Rollins, Mike Smith, Alan Mullally, Martin McCague and Simon Brown. Hick and McCague have been transferred into the original side in place of Hugh Morris and Mark Ilott.

Moles leads weakened champions

DERMOT REEVE, the Warwickshire captain, will miss his first Britannic Assurance county championship match for a year when the champions play Somerset today (Simon Wilde writes). Reeve damaged his back in the defeat of Northamptonshire and in his absence, and that of Tim Munton, the vice-captain, the side will be led at Taunton by Andy Moles.

As they will also be without Gladstone Small, who has hamstring trouble, Warwickshire will field a severely depleted attack. Darren Altree, 21, one of a growing number of left-arm seam bowlers in the English game, stands by to make his first-class debut.

Two of Warwickshire's principal challengers for the title in 1995 — Lancashire and Northamptonshire — are still without wins. Lancashire may take on Essex at Chelmsford shorn of five regulars because of England calls and injuries to Gallian and Fairbrother. Among those who may fill the breach is Nathan Wood, the son of Barry Wood, the former England batsman. Northamptonshire have their own worries, with Curran, who has shoulder trouble, a possible absentee against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.

Alec Stewart, the Surrey captain, has withdrawn from the match against second-placed Yorkshire at Middlesbrough because of the ill-health of his wife. The team will be led by Adam Hollioake, whose brother, Ben, 18, will make his first-class debut as Stewart's replacement.

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INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week; the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by June 4. Overseas players are shown in **bold type**. Rising Stars in *italic*.

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER IN ITC

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Batsmen (001-135)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
C J Adams (001)	388	(66)	0	(0)	388	(66)
G F Archer (002)	268	(87)	0	(0)	268	(87)
M A Atherton (003)	348	(80)	0	(0)	348	(80)
C W J Athey (004)	328	(50)	0	(0)	328	(50)
M Azharuddin (005)	274	(183)	0	(0)	274	(183)
R J Bailey (006)	157	(41)	1	(1)	177	(61)
K J Barnett (007)	445	(94)	7	(2)	585	(134)
M R Benson (008)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M G Bevan (009)	628	(138)	0	(0)	628	(138)
D J Bicknell (010)	145	(42)	0	(0)	145	(42)
D A Blenkiron (011)	232	(130)	0	(0)	232	(130)
P D Bowler (012)	384	(0)	0	(0)	384	(0)
N E Briers (013)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A D Brown (014)	115	(59)	0	(0)	115	(59)
D Byas (015)	340	(63)	0	(0)	340	(63)
S L Campbell (016)	169	(118)	0	(0)	169	(118)
J D Carr (017)	273	(94)	0	(0)	273	(94)
M J Church (018)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
P A Cottey (019)	368	(27)	0	(0)	368	(27)
G R Cowdrey (020)	256	(0)	0	(0)	256	(0)
J P Crawley (021)	271	(70)	0	(0)	271	(70)
C D Crowe (022)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R J Cunliffe (023)	89	(10)	0	(0)	89	(10)
T S Curtis (024)	181	(10)	0	(0)	181	(10)
J A Daley (025)	116	(0)	0	(0)	116	(0)
A J Dalton (026)	32	(32)	0	(0)	32	(32)
R I Dawson (027)	36	(0)	1	(0)	56	(0)
M P Dowman (028)	28	(0)	0	(0)	28	(0)
N H Fairbrother (029)	230	(6)	0	(0)	230	(6)
A Flintoff (030)	2	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
A Fordham (031)	139	(0)	0	(0)	139	(0)
D P Fulton (032)	184	(23)	0	(0)	184	(23)
J E R Gallian (033)	231	(0)	4	(0)	311	(0)
M W Gatting (034)	480	(17)	0	(0)	480	(17)
N A Gie (035)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G A Gooch (036)	338	(0)	1	(0)	358	(0)
K Greenfield (037)	206	(0)	0	(0)	206	(0)
A Habib (038)	415	(90)	0	(0)	415	(90)
J W Hall (039)	131	(33)	0	(0)	131	(33)
T H C Hancock (040)	323	(13)	0	(0)	323	(13)
R J Harden (041)	64	(0)	0	(0)	64	(0)
M E Harvey (042)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A N Hayhurst (043)	96	(0)	0	(0)	96	(0)
G R Haynes (044)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D L Hemp (045)	103	(0)	1	(0)	123	(0)
G A Hick (046)	441	(167)	2	(2)	481	(207)
A J Hollioake (047)	539	(143)	3	(0)	599	(143)
N Hussain (048)	351	(92)	0	(0)	351	(92)
S Hutton (049)	195	(0)	0	(0)	195	(0)
Ijaz Ahmed (050)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Inzamam-ul-Haq (051)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S P James (052)	417	(0)	0	(0)	417	(0)
P Johnson (053)	288	(41)	0	(0)	288	(41)
D M Jones (054)	499	(86)	2	(0)	539	(86)
V Kambli (055)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M Keech (056)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W S Kendall (057)	77	(77)	0	(0)	77	(77)
G J Kennis (058)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W G Khan (059)	226	(32)	0	(0)	226	(32)
N V Knight (060)	419	(3)	0	(0)	419	(3)
J S Laney (061)	323	(39)	0	(0)	323	(39)
M N Lathwell (062)	228	(0)	0	(0)	228	(0)
S G Law (063)	601	(166)	2	(1)	641	(186)
D A Leatherdale (064)	234	(3)	1	(0)	254	(3)
N J Lenham (065)	264	(19)	0	(0)	264	(19)
J J B Lewis (066)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N J Llong (067)	10	(0)	0	(0)	10	(0)
G D Lloyd (068)	153	(43)	0	(0)	153	(43)
J I Longley (069)	6	(0)	0	(0)	6	(0)
M B Loye (070)	306	(46)	0	(0)	306	(46)
M A Lynch (071)	51	(0)	0	(0)	51	(0)
G I Macmillan (072)	66	(0)	0	(0)	66	(0)
D L Maddy (073)	287	(61)	4	(0)	367	(61)
S V Manjrekar (074)	334	(185)	0	(0)	334	(185)
M P Maynard (075)	377	(0)	0	(0)	377	(0)
A McGrath (076)	378	(39)	0	(0)	378	(39)
A A Metcalfe (077)	145	(0)	0	(0)	145	(0)
A J Moles (078)	235	(169)	0	(0)	235	(169)
R R Montgomerie (079)	350	(19)	0	(0)	350	(19)
T M Moody (080)	337	(171)	4	(0)	417	(171)
H Morris (081)	536	(0)	0	(0)	536	(0)
J E Morris (082)	176	(1)	0	(0)	176	(1)
R S M Morris (083)	83	(0)	0	(0)	83	(0)
M D Moxon (084)	356	(0)	0	(0)	356	(0)
K Newell (085)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
T J G O'Gorman (086)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D P Ostler (087)	273	(21)	0	(0)	273	(21)
J E Owen (088)	355	(65)	0	(0)	355	(65)
K A Parsons (089)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
T L Penney (090)	285	(20)	0	(0)	285	(20)
R R Pollard (091)	330	(94)	0	(0)	330	(94)
J C Pooley (092)	329	(37)	0	(0)	329	(37)
P J Prichard (093)	273	(66)	0	(0)	273	(66)
M R Ramprakash (094)	309	(194)	2	(0)	349	(194)
J D Ratcliffe (095)	30	(0)	1	(0)	50	(0)
D D J Robinson (096)	254	(3)	0	(0)	254	(3)
P E Robinson (097)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R T Robinson (098)	458	(198)	0	(0)	458	(198)
A S Rollins (099)	343	(49)	0	(0)	343	(49)
M A Roseberry (100)	344	(9)	0	(0)	344	(9)
Saeed Anwar (101)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
O A Shah (102)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N Shahid (103)	7	(0)	0	(0)	7	(0)
Salim Malik (104)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D J Sales (105)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N S Sidhu (106)	171	(0)	0	(0)	171	(0)
P V Simmons (107)	277	(58)	4	(0)	357	(58)
A Singh (108)	206	(0)	0	(0)	206	(0)
B F Smith (109)	279	(2)	0	(0)	279	(2)
R A Smith (110)	135	(6)	0	(0)	135	(6)
N J Speak (111)	215	(44)	0	(0)	215	(44)
M P Speight (112)	159	(15)	0	(0)	159	(15)
A J Stewart (113)	182	(100)	0	(0)	182	(100)
I J Sutcliffe (114)	151	(0)	0	(0)	151	(0)
A Symonds (115)	356	(38)	0	(0)	356	(38)
N R Taylor (116)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S R Tendulkar (117)	279	(75)	1	(0)	299	(75)
V P Terry (118)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G P Thorpe (119)	586	(253)	2	(2)	626	(293)
S P Titchard (120)	4	(0)	0	(0)	4	(0)
M E Trescothick (121)	83	(0)	0	(0)	83	(0)
T A Tweats (122)	96	(0)	0	(0)	96	(0)
M P Vaughan (123)	325	(67)	1	(0)	345	(67)
M J Walker (124)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
T C Walton (125)	55	(0)	0	(0)	55	(0)
D M Ward (126)	64	(0)	0	(0)	64	(0)
T R Ward (127)	369	(51)	2	(0)	409	(51)
A P Wells (128)	312	(50)	0	(0)	312	(50)
R M S Weston (129)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W P C Weston (130)	325	(1)	0	(0)	325	(1)
G W White (131)	186	(66)	0	(0)	186	(66)
J J Whitaker (132)	382	(0)	0	(0)	382	(0)
P R Whitaker (133)	278	(22)	4	(0)	358	(22)
M G N Windows (134)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A J Wright (135)	218	(1)	0	(0)	218	(1)

All-rounders (150-203)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
Aamir Sohail (150)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M W Alleyne (151)	236	(96)	12	(1)	476	(116)
I D Austin (152)	20	(0)	4	(0)	100	(0)
P Bainbridge (153)	68	(8)	0	(0)	68	(8)
D R Brown (154)	163	(8)	7	(1)	303	(28)
M A Butcher (155)	399	(109)	1	(0)	419	(109)
C L Cairns (156)	245	(76)	10	(1)	445	(96)
D J Capel (157)	272	(57)	4	(1)	352	(77)
D G Cork (158)	223	(92)	14	(4)	503	(172)
R D B Croft (159)	204	(71)	19	(5)	584	(171)
K M Curran (160)	159	(71)	4	(0)	239	(71)
A Dale (161)	286	(55)	3	(0)	346	(55)
P A J DeFreitas (162)	19	(0)	1	(0)	39	(0)
V C Drakes (163)	109	(26)	6	(3)	229	(86)
M A Ealham (164)	172	(31)	11	(8)	392	(191)
S C Ecclestone (165)	6	(0)	0	(0)	6	(0)
K P Evans (166)	40	(40)	6	(4)	160	(120)
M A Feltham (167)	13	(0)	0	(0)	13	(0)
M V Fleming (168)	167	(49)	4	(2)	247	(89)
A P Grayson (169)	131	(3)	5	(0)	231	(3)
O D Gibson (170)	85	(0)	0	(0)	85	(0)
F A Griffith (171)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C L Hooper (172)	328	(72)	9	(0)	508	(72)
R C Irani (173)	378	(58)	14	(4)	658	(138)
A D Jadeja (174)	227	(94)	0	(0)	227	(94)
F D James (175)	189	(7)	7	(2)	329	(47)
B P Julian (176)	213	(7)	14	(5)	493	(107)
J H Kallis (177)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S R Lampitt (178)	161	(14)	12	(2)	401	(54)
S Lee (179)	382	(0)	12	(0)	622	(0)
C C Lewis (180)	118	(5)	10	(2)	318	(45)
G W Mike (181)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A C Morris (182)	130	(3)	3	(0)	190	(3)
Mushtaq Ahmed (183)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D J Nash (184)	15	(0)	1	(0)	35	(0)
A L Penberthy (185)	148	(53)	8	(1)	308	(73)
S M Pollock (186)	212	(107)	13	(6)	472	(227)
D A Reeve (187)	322	(36)	9	(5)	502	(136)
G D Rose (188)	31	(0)	19	(0)	431	(0)
[illegible] (189)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A W Smith (190)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N M K Smith (191)	84	(34)	12	(3)	324	(94)
P A Smith (192)	2	(0)	1	(0)	22	(0)
J N Snape (193)	64	(0)	0	(0)	64	(0)
J P Stephenson (194)	213	(74)	1	(0)	233	(74)
C M Tolley (195)	65	(31)	2	(0)	105	(31)
Wasim Akram (196)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M Watkinson (197)	117	(15)	9	(0)	297	(15)
G Welch (198)	67	(19)	17	(3)	407	(79)
C M Wells (199)	394	(110)	4	(2)	474	(150)
V J Wells (200)	226	(52)	6	(1)	346	(72)
P N Weekes (201)	220	(16)	8	(0)	380	(16)
C White (202)	184	(68)	19	(3)	564	(128)
J R Wileman (203)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)

Wicketkeepers (225-256)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
A N Aymes (225)	366	(100)	16	(2)	686	(140)
R J Blakey (226)	200	(27)	16	(7)	520	(167)
K R Brown (227)	248	(109)	12	(4)	488	(189)
M Burns (228)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S P Griffiths (229)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W K Hegg (230)	242	(5)	15	(5)	542	(105)
P C L Holloway (231)	137	(0)	1	(0)	157	(0)
G J Kersey (232)	85	(37)	8	(0)	245	(37)
J A Knott (233)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
K M Krikken (234)	255	(29)	18	(2)	615	(69)
D G C Ligertwood (235)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S A Marsh (236)	196	(0)	11	(3)	416	(60)
C P Metson (237)	16	(0)	8	(0)	176	(0)
P Moores (238)	123	(15)	6	(0)	243	(15)
N R Mongia (239)	57	(46)	2	(1)	97	(66)
P A Nixon (240)	262	(24)	17	(1)	602	(44)
W M Noon (241)	68	(17)	11	(2)	288	(57)
K J Piper (242)	100	(8)	13	(4)	360	(88)
Rashid Latif (243)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S J Rhodes (244)	223	(47)	12	(2)	463	(87)
D Ripley (245)	117	(55)	3	(0)	177	(55)
R J Rollins (246)	198	(48)	21	(3)	618	(108)
R C Russell (247)	206	(60)	9	(1)	386	(80)
N F Sargeant (248)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C W Scott (249)	156	(12)	19	(1)	536	(32)
A D Shaw (250)	22	(14)	3	(2)	82	(54)
R J Turner (251)	79	(0)	14	(0)	359	(0)
L N Walker (252)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R J Warren (253)	341	(76)	5	(2)	441	(116)
P Whitticase (254)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R C J Williams (255)	9	(0)	1	(0)	29	(0)
S C Willis (256)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)

Bowlers (275-404)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
P R Adams (275)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J A Afford (276)	7	(1)	17	(1)	347	(21)
U Afzaal (277)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
P Aldred (278)	50	(40)	6	(1)	170	(60)
C E L Ambrose (279)	30	(9)	7	(5)	170	(109)
S J W Andrew (280)	0	(0)	2	(2)	40	(40)
Aqib Javed (281)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M C J Ball (282)	59	(11)	9	(1)	239	(31)
S R Barwick (283)	5	(0)	1	(0)	25	(0)
S J Base (284)	1	(0)	1	(0)	21	(0)
R T Bates (285)	43	(0)	6	(0)	163	(0)
J D Batty (286)	84	(0)	5	(0)	184	(0)
M A V Bell (287)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J E Benjamin (288)	0	(0)	2	(0)	40	(0)
W K M Benjamin (289)	140	(0)	6	(0)	260	(0)
M M Betts (290)	57	(46)	24	(1)	537	(66)
M P Bicknell (291)	66	(28)	17	(6)	406	(148)
[illegible] (292)	1	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
D J P Boden (293)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Boiling (294)	62	(31)	7	(3)	202	(91)
J N B Bovill (295)	10	(10)	3	(3)	70	(70)
M T Brimson (296)	0	(0)	6	(2)	120	(40)
J E Brinkley (297)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S J E Brown (298)	71	(19)	31	(6)	691	(139)
A R Caddick (299)	9	(0)	7	(0)	149	(0)
R J Chapman (300)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
G Chapple (301)	53	(9)	11	(3)	273	(69)
J H Childs (302)	1	(0)	8	(6)	161	(120)
[illegible] (303)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C A Connor (304)	31	(0)	20	(6)	491	(120)
K E Cooper (305)	5	(0)	5	(0)	105	(0)
D M Cousins (306)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A P Cowan (307)	25	(22)	5	(0)	125	(22)
D M Cox (308)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R P Davis (309)	93	(0)	8	(4)	253	(80)
J M De La Pena (310)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N A Derbyshire (311)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R R Dibden (312)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M Dimond (313)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A D Edwards (314)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S W K Ellis (315)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S Elworthy (316)	157	(21)	16	(4)	477	(101)
A R C Fraser (317)	37	(15)	12	(3)	277	(75)
E S H Giddins (318)	15	(6)	15	(1)	315	(26)
A F Giles (319)	41	(0)	14	(0)	321	(0)
D Gough (320)	123	(19)	12	(1)	363	(39)
R J Green (321)	14	(0)	6	(0)	134	(0)
J C Hallett (322)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G M Hamilton (323)	0	(0)	2	(0)	40	(0)
A J Harris (324)	30	(3)	10	(2)	230	(43)
P J Hartley (325)	172	(100)	16	(3)	492	(160)
D W Headley (326)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J E Hindson (327)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J G Hughes (328)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A P Igglesden (329)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R K Illingworth (330)	153	(20)	7	(0)	293	(20)
M C Ilott (331)	101	(0)	13	(0)	361	(0)
P W Jarvis (332)	79	(6)	8	(1)	239	(26)
R L Johnson (333)	44	(0)	2	(0)	84	(0)
G Keedy (334)	35	(6)	2	(0)	75	(6)
N M Kendrick (335)	17	(1)	6	(4)	137	(81)
S G Kenlock (336)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J I D Kerr (337)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A A Khan (338)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N Killeen (339)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
R J Kirtley (340)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A Kumble (341)	7	(0)	4	(1)	87	(20)
R P Lefebvre (342)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Lewis (343)	48	(0)	6	(0)	168	(0)
J D Lewry (344)	0	(0)	5	(0)	100	(0)
M J McCague (345)	141	(32)	17	(3)	481	(92)
D E Malcolm (346)	18	(8)	20	(1)	418	(28)
N A Mallender (347)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
P J Martin (348)	76	(22)	14	(3)	356	(82)
R S C Martin-Jenkins (349)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R J Maru (350)	36	(0)	3	(0)	96	(0)
S M Milburn (352)	80	(0)	12	(1)	320	(20)
D J Millns (353)	114	(0)	19	(1)	494	(20)
A D Mullally (354)	8	(0)	23	(0)	468	(0)
T A Munton (355)	54	(0)	10	(0)	254	(0)
P J Newport (356)	101	(33)	11	(2)	321	(73)
R W Nowell (357)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Ormond (358)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G J Parsons (359)	82	(0)	9	(0)	262	(0)
M M Patel (360)	62	(6)	17	(0)	402	(6)
R M Pearson (361)	16	(7)	9	(3)	196	(67)
D B Pennett (362)	27	(0)	7	(0)	167	(0)
N C Phillips (363)	100	(0)	4	(0)	180	(0)
R A Pick (364)	50	(32)	5	(2)	150	(72)
A R K Pierson (365)	30	(0)	12	(1)	270	(20)
A C S Pigott (366)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
V J Pike (367)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S L V Raju (368)	1	(1)	2	(1)	41	(21)
A R Roberts (369)	19	(19)	5	(2)	119	(59)
M A Robinson (370)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
I D K Salisbury (371)	83	(19)	3	(0)	143	(19)
Saqlain Mushtaq (372)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
B N Schultz (373)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J P Searle (374)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D J Shadford (375)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
K P Sheeraz (376)	3	(0)	1	(0)	23	(0)
A Sheriyar (377)	13	(0)	9	(0)	193	(0)
K J Shine (378)	64	(0)	17	(0)	404	(0)
C E W Silverwood (379)	47	(1)	12	(5)	287	(101)
G C Small (380)	12	(12)	3	(1)	72	(32)
A M Smith (381)	75	(2)	17	(1)	415	(22)
D J Spencer (382)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Srinath (383)	50	(0)	8	(2)	210	(40)
E J Stanford (384)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R D Stemp (385)	129	(22)	8	(2)	289	(62)
P M Such (386)	8	(0)	16	(1)	328	(20)
J P Taylor (387)	22	(4)	10	(1)	222	(24)
S D Thomas (388)	90	(15)	8	(0)	250	(15)
J B Thompson (389)	89	(0)	7	(0)	229	(0)
M J Thursfield (390)	30	(0)	3	(0)	90	(0)
H R J Trump (391)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A J Tudor (392)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
P C R Tufnell (393)	43	(30)	14	(7)	323	(170)
S D Udal (394)	115	(50)	4	(1)	195	(70)
A P van Troost (395)	6	(0)	3	(0)	66	(0)
C A Walsh (396)	37	(15)	14	(2)	317	(55)
A Walker (397)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A E Warner (398)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
S L Watkin (399)	33	(0)	17	(0)	373	(0)
Waqar Younis (400)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N F Williams (401)	83	(0)	10	(0)	283	(0)
J Wood (402)	16	(2)	9	(3)	196	(62)
T N Wren (403)	15	(0)	1	(0)	35	(0)
G Yates (404)	5	(0)	0	(0)	5	(0)

☐ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket. Wickets include catches and stumpings by wicketkeepers, but not catches by fielders. ☐ Source: TCCB/PA Cricket Record

Wood goes through as others fall by the wayside

By Alix Ramsay

THE British do not do well in the heat. Yesterday, as the ball-girls wilted in the sunshine, the British players melted away at the Beckenham Open. On Tuesday, Britain had 21 players in the two main draws, by yesterday evening only six were still standing. Shirli-Ann Siddall, Jo Ward, Colin Beecher, Danny Sapsford, Andrew Richardson, Andrew Foster and Nick Weal all limped away yesterday, leaving only Clare Wood and Tom Spinks to go through and join Tuesday's winners.

It is ten years since Wood last played Beckenham and, after losing in the first round then, she decided it was not the most promising way to start the grass-court season. Now, with another 18 months to two years left on the circuit, she has changed her mind.

Yesterday, she overcame Siobhan Drake-Brockman, of Australia, and several line judges of limited vision to move into the quarter finals 5-7, 6-1, 6-4. It could have been a lot easier when she held set point on Drake-Brockman's service only to be scuppered by a dubious call. "Everyone around the court could see it was at least six inches out but it was called in," she said. "I should have won that 6-4; it was disappointing to lose the set 7-5."

Drake-Brockman seemed to imagine she was playing on clay, trying to slide to every wide ball only to find herself short of the target.

For Wood the two-hour workout was part of the preparation for the more important events, those worth computer points, in the coming weeks. After 18 months trying to get back to full fitness after a battle with a hamstring injury, she wants to break back into the top 100 before she calls it a day.

The only other success came through Spinks, from Norwich, who stands 6ft 3in but was still four inches shorter than Richardson, his opponent. . Richardson was last year's joint winner after his final against Petr Korda was rained off. Yesterday he lost 6-4, 7-5.

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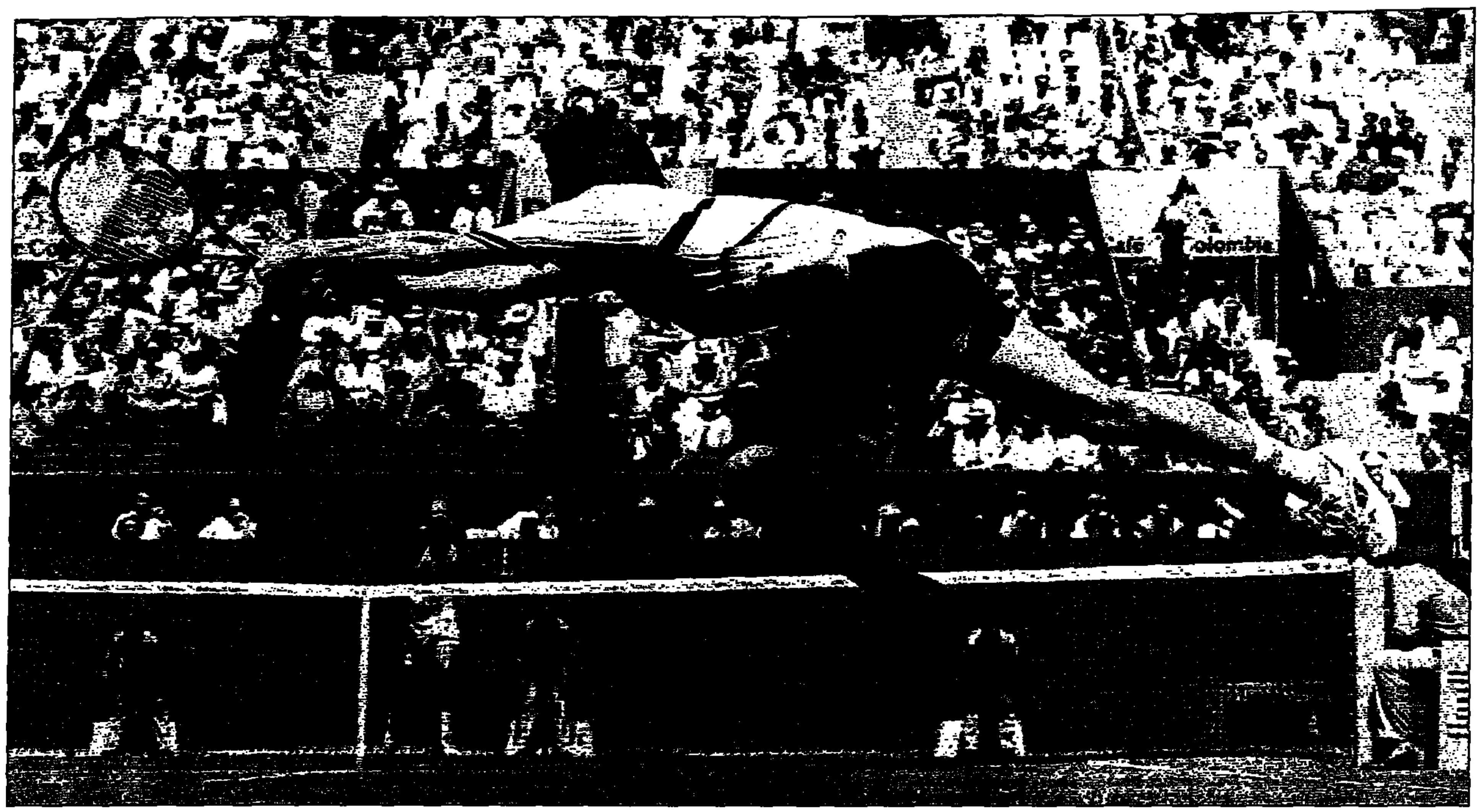

Karbacher, of Germany, who lost his quarter-final after being two sets ahead, dives in an attempt to intercept a passing shot from Rosset, his Swiss opponent

Subtle Stich eases past local favourite

From David Miller
in Paris

MICHAEL STICH said afterwards it had been fun. The Parisian crowd did not quite see it that way. For much of the time, they were reduced to relative silence as the tall German halted the advance of Cedric Pioline, the local favourite, born in the suburb of Neuilly-sur-Seine, at the quarter-final stage of the French Open championships.

Yesterday's defeat was made even less acceptable because Stich achieved it by subtlety, almost without urgency, cutting Pioline apart with the varied refinement of his shots, as he won 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

He thus joined that other renowned serve-and-volleyer, Pete Sampras, in the semi-finals, where tomorrow he will play Marc Rosset, the first Swiss player to reach the semi-final stage of a grand slam tournament.

On a baking day, when ball boys held parasols over the players as they sat in their chairs during change of ends, Stich was the master of the all-court game.

He played with patience from the baseline, matching the best of Pioline's flowing grround strokes, put him on edge with fading back spin, then taunted him with drop shots, and repeatedly advanced to the net to hit conclusive volleys.

Stich inadvertently swayed the crowd more against him, emotionally, when he justifiably queried some suspicious calls, which the umpire, upon inspection, gave in his favour. The crowd started applauding first-serve faults, and cheering his double faults, though of these there were few. Stich merely continued to produce his anaesthetising winners.

Both men are 27: Pioline is ranked 19th, Stich 16th, following a long absence with injury. Pioline's moment of glory in tennis had come when he reached the final of the US Open in 1993, losing to Sampras. His previous record in the French Open is relatively poor. Yesterday, there was seldom solid authority in his game. When there were cheers for some point, the note was more one of sympathy than momentary triumph.

It was not until the ninth game of the second set, when Pioline hit a withering forehand drive, that the crowd reverberated with the feeling that their man might turn the tide, might win through. Turn it he did, but for only one game — the long tenth of five deuces, in which he secured his fifth set point to level the match. In no time at all he was 3-0 down in the third set and slithering away.

"I like every surface," Stich said, "especially clay, because you have to win the points by outplaying your opponent". He said his only motivation these days was playing for enjoyment, and not for the money, though he could not answer a question on whether he would have had the same relaxed attitude did he not have the cushion of substantial previous prize-money.

"I'm fresher than the others, after a break," he said, "but short of match practice. That long game at the end of the second set loosened me up. Marc [Rosset] will be very tough on Friday, he showed that by coming from two sets down today [against Bernd Karbacher]."

With the odd-game lead on service, Stich had moved steadily to 4-3 in the first set, then broke for 5-3 with the help of four consecutive errors by Pioline. Attempting to force the pace, Stich made volleying errors to lose his own service, but broke Pioline again for the set, winning a long rally.

Pioline inflicted the fourth consecutive break of serve to lead 1-0 in the second set, dropped his own serve in the fourth game, but, assisted by Stich's lax volleying, broke for 3-2 and served for the set at 5-4.

Although his backswing and follow-through on his drives are elegant, Pioline contrives to look weary almost from the start of any match, with his slightly hunched shoulders, shuffling gait and baggy shorts that make him look like a weekend veteran. Now, briefly, he found his touch and although Stich twice had game points for 5-5, Pioline's mood briefly lifted him. It proved to be a false dawn.

Rosset will not exactly have endeared himself to his compatriots by saying that being the first Swiss in a semi-final "means nothing". He had just beaten Karbacher 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-0, taking command when, from the third set, he started to come in to volley. "He got nervous when he had the possibility of finishing the match," Rosset said, "and I changed my game completely."

The other semi-final tomorrow pairs Sampras with Yevgeny Kafelnikov, of Russia.

In today's semi-finals of the women's singles, Steffi Graf must surely be expected to defeat Conchita Martinez, who has won only one of their 13 previous matches, three years ago, while Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, having eliminated Monica Seles, should beat Jana Novotna, against whom she has won the last four encounters, including the Paris quarter-final of 1993.

BOXING

Wharton sharpens up armoury for title bid

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

THE much-vaunted left hook of Henry Wharton is to be given a rest for the summer. It is all a part of the Yorkshire super-middleweight's plan of action to beat Thulane Malinga, of South Africa, the World Boxing Council (WBC) champion, at the end of the year.

Wharton aims to concentrate on developing an array of punches in the next six months to surprise the South African. After Wharton's win over Stephane Nizard, of France, on Tuesday, the Frenchman insisted that the Briton would knock out Malinga. Wharton, however, is taking no chances.

He wants to defend his Commonwealth title twice before the bout with Malinga and, far from accepting easy defences, he is looking for opponents similar to Malinga. "I want fighters that are awkward, like Malinga," Wharton said.

"The fight against Nizard was hard, but I don't mind not looking sensational. I was experimenting. My normal thing is power but this time I was trying different things. Everybody expects me to use my left hook but I caught him with a lot of right-handers."

Wharton has already mastered some alternative punches, particularly the jab and the uppercut, and has moved well in the ring. But he was unable to sustain his work-rate because of his extra weight, the result of five months' inactivity. He weighed his heaviest at 12st 8lb.

"He lacks speed because he is half a stone overweight," Mickey Duff, his manager, said. "Once he has taken off half a stone he will be a lot faster and I am certain he will lift the title this time."

Naseem Hamed, meanwhile, who puts his World Boxing Organisation featherweight title on the line against Daniel Alicea, of Puerto Rico, at Newcastle Arena on Saturday, could be in line for a debut in the United States next month on the undercard of the Mike Tyson heavyweight defence against Bruce Seldon, in Las Vegas.

Hamed will need to be impressive in a bout which is to be broadcast live to the United States. Fulfilment of his prediction to stop the unbeaten Puerto Rican in three rounds should secure the Las Vegas date, and a possible bout in September against Azumah Nelson, the WBC super-featherweight champion.

A third Briton, Gary Jacobs, of Scotland, has been nominated No 1 challenger for Felix Trinidad's International Boxing Federation title.

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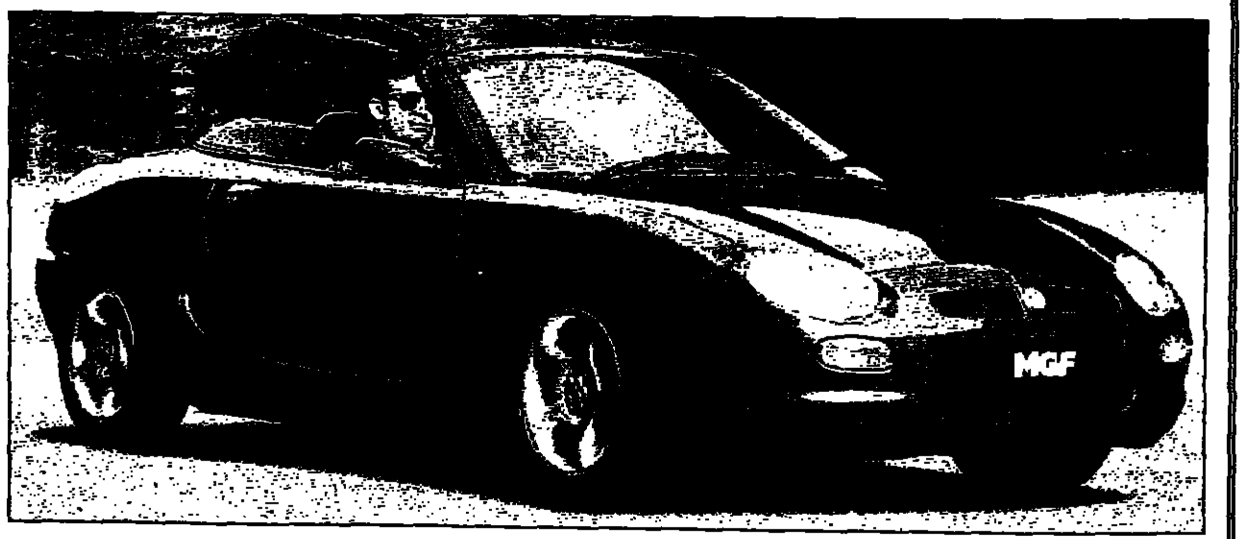

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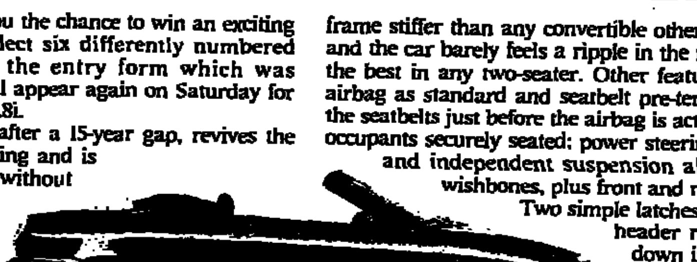

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FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Oakland 8 Kansas City 3; Boston 4 Chicago 6, Cleveland 7 Seattle 10; New York 5 Toronto 4, Milwaukee 6 Texas 2; Minnesota 5 California 3, Baltimore 10 Detroit 7

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago 3 Philadelphia 12; Florida 5 Montreal 0; Cincinnati 4 San Francisco 1; Atlanta 6 New York 12; Houston 16 Colorado 8; Los Angeles 0 Pittsburgh 3; San Diego 5 St Louis 11.

BOXING

YORK: Super-middleweight (10 rnds): Henry Wharton (York) bt Stephane Nizard (France) pts. Central Area cruiserweight championship (10rds) Denzil Browne (Leeds) bt Bobbi Joe Edwards (Manchester) pts. Light-middleweight (6 rnds): Kevin Thompson (Birmingham) bt David Radford (Hemsworth) pts; Ron Hopley (Ripon) bt Paul Webb (Nuneaton) pts. Bantamweight (6 rnds): Noel Wilders (Castleford) bt Graham McGrath (Warley) pts. Super-bantamweight (6 rnds): Michael Gibbons (Middlesbrough) bt Martin Evans (Taunton) rsc 2nd rnd.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of three: Southend: Essex 241 (P R Shaw 78 not out; J E Hindson 5-65) and 92 (R J Chapman 5-45); Nottinghamshire 409 (R J Bates 112, L N Walker 58; J C Powell 4-103) Nottinghamshire won by an innings and 76 runs. Second day of three: Old Northamptonians: Middlesex 429-6 dec (P Wellings 178 not out, S P Moffat 59); Northamptonshire 397-4 D J Roberts 123, T C Walton 59) York: Surrey 281 (D M Ward 78; R Robinson 4-80) and 43-0; Yorkshire 226 (G J Kennis 4-41). Chester-le-Street: Durham 129 (P A Smith 5-36) and 113-3 (S Hutton 53); Warwickshire 223-9 dec (S McDonald 50 not out) Bristol: Lancashire 229 (P R Sleep 78) and 77-2. Gloucestershire 255 (M J Cawdron 53). Taunton: Somerset 350-2 dec (M Trescothick 144, J C Hallett 148) and 113-3. Worcestershire 235 (M Diwan 60; J I D Kerr 4-51).

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of two: Neston: Cheshire 194-5 (N D Cross 76 not out, J Carpenter 52 not out) and 11-0; Oxfordshire 228-5 (R J Williams 91 not out, C Knightley 59). Barrow: Buckinghamshire 178-6 (M J Roberts 60, N D Burns 55) and 22-2; Cumberland 177 (G J Clarke 67; A R Clarke 5-40)

RATHMINES: International match: Final day of three: Ireland 285-9 dec (A Dunlop 99) and 253-5 dec (Dunlop 94, J Benson 53); Wales Minor Counties 258 (S Jenkins 72; M Patterson 4-56) and 171-6 (Jenkins 90) Match drawn.

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Holland 3 Ireland 1 (in Rotterdam); Germany 9 Liechtenstein 1 (in Mannheim).

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GOLF

TURNBERRY: Amateur Championship: Matchplay: First round: W Bladon (Kenilworth) bt S Allan (Australia) 4 and 2. P Lawrie (University College: Dublin) bt G Hay (Panmure) 20th; R Clark (Erskine) bt S Collingwood (Carholme) 3 and 1. S McCarthy (Royal North Devon) bt B Nicolay (Fr) 5 and 4; E Little (Portpatrick Dunskey) bt D Lucas (Worksop) 4 and 3; I Ferrie (Alnmouth) bt C Christy (Kilmacolm) 2 holes; F McLaughlan (Wishaw) bt P Nelson (Renshaw Park) 5 and 3. R Derksen (Hol) bt R Eyraud (Fr) 2 and 1; R Wiggins (Staley Hall) bt J Chevalier (Fr) 4 and 3; C Aronsen (Nor) bt M Urquhart (Inverness) 2 and 1; D Dupin (Fr) bt C Mitchell (Blairgowrie) 4 and 3; P Purhonen (Fin) bt J Hepworth (Ilkley) 3 and 2; N Boysen (Holl) bt R Barmeyer (US) 5 and 4; D Orr (East Renfrewshire) bt W Bryson (Drumpelier) 2 and 1; M Eliasson (Swe) bt K Bakst (US) one hole; D Patrick (Mortonhall) bt C Molholm (Den) 3 and 1, M Erlandsson (Swe) bt S Martin (Burnham and Berrow) 2 and 1; R Porter (Ger) bt H Otto (SA) 4 and 3, C Brauner (US) bt D Olsson (Swe) 4 and 3; S Bodenheimer (US) bt M Wilcox (John O'Gaunt) 3 and 2; R Geilenberg (Ger) bt M Moye (US) one hole. Y Taylor (Brynhill) bt D Paton (Dunnikier Park) 5 and 4. G Lawrie (Prestwick St Nicholas) bt C Watson (East Renfrewshire) 3 and 2; C Rodgers (Royal Mid-Surrey) bt N Rorbaek-Peterson (Den) 4 and 3; M Brooks (Carluke) bt F Bruhns (Ger) one hole. M Ellis (Wrexham) bt G Storm (Hartlepool) two holes; P Bolton (Chorlton-cum-Hardy) bt J Girdo (Swe) 2 and 1; I Giner (Sp) bt S Jarman (Woburn) 3 and 2: K Ferne (Alnmouth) bt G Paterson (Co Sligo) 2 and 1; S Phillipson (Prudhoe) bt J Ferran (US) 5 and 4; R Beames (Wick) bt M Searle (Lyme Regis) 5 and 4. J Fanagan (Milltown) bt J Little (Moor Park) 4 and 3

MAESDU: Welsh women's team championship: First round: Rhondda bt Monmouth 3-2; Wrexham bt Llanwern 4-1; Glamorganshire bt Conwy 3-2; Pennard bt Carmarthen 4-1; Royal Porthcawl bt South Pembrokeshire 4-1; Abergele bt Cardiff 3-2; Ashburnham bt Old Padeswood 4-1, Rhuddlan bt Cradoc 3-2. Padeswood and Buckley bt Newport (Pem) 3-2.

GLIDING

RAYSKALA, Finland: European championships: Third day: Open (535km poly) 15 completions of 17: 1, J Hansen (Den, Nimbus 3) 125.38kph, 1,000pts; 2, G Kerstjens (Holl, Nimbus 4) 124.57, 989; 3, H Back (Ger, Nimbus 3) 124, 982; 4, U Schwenk (Ger, ASW22BL) 123.8, 978; 7, P Harvey (GB, ASW22) 121.2, 941 Overall positions: 1, J Centka (Pol, ASW22) 2,760. 2, Back 2,669; 3, Harvey 2,639; 4, Schwenk 2,603. 15 metre (475km poly) all 32 completed: 1, M Grund (Ger, Ventus) 119.3, 1,000; 2, S Ghiorzo (It, Ventus 2) 117, 964; 3, M Theisinger (Ger, ASW27) 115.14, 931, 4, G Theisinger (Ger, ASW27) 115, 928; 5, T Gostner (It, Ventus 2) 114.2, 915; 6, A Kay (GB, Ventus 2) 113.1, 897; 30, M Dawson (GB, Ventus) 100.4, 684. Overall positions: 1, Grund 2,833, 2, Kay 2,708; 3, M Dedera (Cz, Ventus 2) 2,629; 4, F Hoyeau (Fr, Ventus 2) 2,588; 13, Dawson 2,387. Standard (430km poly) all 39 completed. 1, J Stepanek (Cz, Discus C) 114, 1,000; 2, L Aboulin (Fr, LS8) 112.85, 975; 3, P Crabb (Ire, LS8) 112.4, 970; 4, S Crabb (Ire, LS8) 111.4, 953; 5, M Smit (Holl, LS8) 111.1, 949; equal 10, P Jeffery (GB, LS8) 108.97, 911; 30, M Young (GB, Discus) 100, 754; 32, R Cheetham (GB, Discus) 99.7, 748 Overall positions: 1, H Weiss (Ger, LS8) 2,592; 2, H Karow (Ger, Discus) 2588; 3, R Schramme (Ger, Discus) 2,584, 4, E Ziegler (Ger, LS8) 2,580; 5, Smit (Holl) 2,379; 9, Jeffery 2,291; 27, Young 1,979; 36, Cheetham 1,518

ICE HOCKEY

STANLEY CUP: Colorado 3 Florida 1 (Colorado lead best-of-seven series 1-0).

RUGBY UNION

Tour matches

NS Wales	27 Wales XV *(in Sydney)*	20
Waikato	39 Scotland *(in Hamilton)*	35

TENNIS

PARIS: French Open championships: Men: Singles: Quarter-finals: M Rosset (Switz) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-0; M Stich (Ger) bt C Pioline (Fr) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 Doubles: Quarter-finals: J Palmer and J Stark (US) bt L Pimek (Bel) and B Talbot (US) 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) and D Vacek (Cz) bt D Johnson and F Montana (US) 6-2, 7-6 Women: Doubles: Quarter-finals: L Davenport and M J Fernandez (US) bt K Adams (US) and M de Swardt (SA) 6-4, 6-2; J Novotna (Cz) and A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt N Arendt (US) and M Bollegraf (Holl) 6-4, 6-4; M McGrath (US) and L Neiland (Lat) bt M Hingis (Switz) and H Sukova (Cz) 6-2, 6-4. Mixed doubles: Third round: M Hingis (Switz) and M Philippoussis (Aus) bt A Frazier and T Kronemann (US) 6-1, 6-2; N Bradtke and T Woodbridge (Aus) bt C Barclay and A Florent (Aus) 6-3, 6-2. Quarter-finals: P Tarabini and J Frana (Arg) bt K Adams (US) and L Pimek (Bel) 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; N Arendt and L Jensen (US) bt K Boogert (Holl) and A Olhovskiy (Russ) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 Girls: Doubles: Second round: M Pastikova and J Schonfeldova (Cz) bt M Kovacevic (Cro) and K Srebotnik (Slovenia) 6-4, 6-4

BECKENHAM CRICKET CLUB: Beckenham Open (GB unless stated): Men: First round: P Hand bt L Milligan 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt B MacPhie (US) 6-4, 6-4; W Arthurs (Aus) bt P Tramacchi (Aus) 6-4, 6-4, T Henman bt R Matheson 6-1, 6-3; M Petchey bt B Behrens (US) 6-2, 4-6, 7-5; R Smith (Bah) bt D Nainkin (SA) 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; C Haggard (SA) bt D Sapsford 6-3, 5-7, 7-6; C Saceanu (Ger) bt C Beecher 7-5, 6-2; S Draper (Aus) bt R Koenig (SA) 6-3, 6-2.

Women: First round: N Feber (Bel) bt R Violett 6-2, 6-4; C Wood bt K Godridge (Aus) 6-2, 6-1; S Drake-Brockman (Aus) bt S Noorlander (Holl) 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; L Porun (US) bt L Ahl 6-2, 4-6, 6-1. T Musgrave (Aus) bt M Tu (US) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; D Graham (US) bt T Tansurgam (Tai) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; C Papadaki (Gre) bt A Miller (US) 4-6, 6-4, 7-5 Second round: C Singer (Ger) bt A Ellwood (Aus) 7-5, 6-4; C Wood bt S Drake-Brockman (Aus) 5-7, 6-1, 6-4; M Vento (Ven) bt N Pratt (Aus) 7-6, 6-2; E de Lone (US) bt S-A Siddall 6-2, 6-2; R Hiraki (Japan) bt J Ward 6-2, 6-3.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Warwick

Going: firm

2.30 (6f) 1, LAMORNA (A Gorman, 10-1); 2, Mister Pink (J Reid, 4-1); 3, Superquest (Emma O'Gorman, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Aybeegirl (5th), 5 Don Sebastian (4th), 9 Watercolour, 14 Princess Ferdinand (6th), 20 Fly Down To Rio 8 ran. 1¼l, 5l, sh hd, 1¼l, 2l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn Tote: £10.10; £1.90, £1.10, £2.90 DF: £19.70. CSF: £45.19.

3.00 (6f) 1, PANTHER (Martin Dwyer, 7-2); 2, How's Yer Father (Amanda Sanders, Evens fav); 3, Risking (D Sweeney, 20-1) ALSO RAN: 9 Milos (f), 10 John O'Dreams, Our Shadee (4th), 25 Naughty Pistol (6th), 40 Farida Seconda (5th), Victoria Sioux. 9 ran 1¼l, 1¾l, 1½l, nk, 1¾l J Hetherton at Malton Tote. £3.80; £1.10, £1.20, £4.50 DF: £2.60 Trio £46.20. CSF £6.98

3.30 (1m) 1, MONTONE (Dr M Mannish, 11-2); 2, Raven's Roost (Mr A Charles-Jones, 66-1); 3, Kevasingo (Mr C B Hills, 8-1); 4, Benjamins Law (Mr O McPhail, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Almapa, 7 Indrapura, Loquard Express, 9 Kingchip Boy (5th), 10 Desert Calm (6th), 12 Teen Jay, 14 Best Kept Secret, 16 Royal Thimble, 20 Mimosa, Swedish Invader, 50 Bite The Bullet, 66 Fluidity 16 ran. 2l, shd, 1l, 1l, ½l. J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £5.40; £1.50, £19.80, £2.20, £2.00. DF £445.60. Trio: £775.10 (part won; pool of £764.27 carried forward to 3.00 at Goodwood today). CSF £261.84 Tricast: £2,804.42.

4.00 (1m 2f 169yd) 1, SOVEREIGN PAGE (J Reid, 11-2); 2, Silently (Martin Dwyer, 7-2), 3, Harvey White (A McGlone, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Mytonlaine (5th), 17-2 Domny Three (4th), 12 Hand Of Straw, Tanan (6th) 7 ran. NR: Bakheta, Roushan, Zidac 1l, ¾l, sh hd, 1½l, 1¾l B Hanbury at Newmarket Tote. £6.20; £2.50, £2.00 DF: £7.60. Trio, £12.90 CSF £22.98 Tricast: £103.74

4.30 (1m 2f 169yd) 1, TRACEABILITY (G Carter, 9-4); 2, Present Arms (Paul Eddery, 4-1); 3, Majdak Jereeb (T Sprake, 8-1) ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Reed (4th). 7 Always Happy (6th), 8 Claro's Dancer (5th) 6 ran 1¼l, 2l, 7l, ¾l, 4l S Williams at Newmarket Tote £3.10, £1.70, £2.40 DF: £13.30, CSF £11.66

5.00 (5f) 1†, FYORS GIFT (M Rimmer, 17-2) 1†, STEP ON DEGAS (F Lynch, 3-1 fav), 3, Lillibella (Martin Dwyer, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Princess Efisio (4th), 6 Incatinka (6th), 7 La Belle Dominique, Madrina (5th), 12 Bouton D'Or. 8 ran Dd-ht, 1l, 1¾l, 2l, 1½l B Hanbury at Newmarket, M Fotherston-Godley at East Ilsley Tote: Fyors Gift £6.20, Step On Degas £1.60; Fyors Gift £2.60, Step On Degas £1.30, £1.60 DF £41.80 CSF Fyors Gift, Step On Degas £16.65; Step On Degas, Fyors Gift £13.25 Tricast Fyors Gift, Step On Degas, Lillibella £55.36; Step On Degas, Fyors Gift, Lillibella £47.90

5.30 (7f) 1, PADDY'S RICE (J Reid, 8-1); 2, Morning Surprise (C Carver, 8-1); 3, Always Grace (M Henry, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Hawanafa (6th), 7 Society Magic, 8 Nicola's Princess, 12 Bullpen Belle, 14 Baranov, Fairelaine (5th), Scenicris, 16 Jareer Do (4th), 33 Craven Cottage, Winter Scout 13 ran. NR: Only Hd. 3l, nk, hd, 1l M McCormack at Wantage Tote: £8.50; £2.40, £2.00, £1.50 DF: £47.40 Trio: £48.50. CSF £70.11.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £12,590.78 carried forward to Goodwood today).

Placepot: £76.60. Quadpot: £14.80.

Yarmouth

Going: firm

2.15 (1m 3yd) 1, DAWNA (Pat Eddery, 13-8 fav); 2, Sea Of Stone (R French, 33-1); 3, Royal Action (J Quinn, 25-1) ALSO RAN: 9-2 Golden Thunderbolt (4th), 5 Raise A Prince, 10 Go Britannia, Great Chief, 12 Alrayyih (5th), 20 Bourbonist, Lunda, Naaman, 40 Lucky Begonia (6th), Silky Smooth 13 ran 2l, nk, ½l, 1½l, ½l H Cecil at Newmarket Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £4.80, £5.90 DF: £35.90. Trio: £256.10 (part won, pool of £165.96 carried forward to 3.00 at Goodwood today). CSF: £50.44

2.45 (1m 3yd) 1, IRREPRESSIBLE (A Daly, 20-1); 2, Northern Grey (M Fenton, 16-1), 3, Yet Again (W Ryan, 9-1), 4, Total Rach (W Woods, 6-1) ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Sapphire Son (5th), 9 Red Adair, 10 Bad News, Overpower, Sylvan Princess (6th), 11 Arlington Lady, Crystal Fast, Farfeste, 12 Pinkerton Polka, 14 Buddy's Friend, 16 Glorious Island, 33 Begger's Opera, Binlaboon, Shuttlecock 18 ran 4l, 2½l, 1½l, 1¼l, hd R Hodges at Somerton Tote £28.20; £4.90, £5.70, £3.60, £2.40. DF £303.10 Trio £1,317.60 CSF: £315.89 Tricast: £2,916.64.

3.15 (7f 3yd) 1, PANATA (O Urbina, 6-5 fav), 2, Delphine (M Fenton, 3-1); 3, Ewar Sunrise (B Doyle, 6-1) ALSO RAN: 10 Ember (4th), 14 Jeanne Cutrona (6th), 50 Rhythmic Ball (5th) 6 ran. 5l, 1¼l, 3½l, 2l. 22l L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote £2.00; £1.30, £1.50 DF £1.70 CSF £4.42

3.45 (6f 3yd) 1, JERRY CUTRONA (J F Egan, 9-1), 2, Green Barries (J Weaver, 4-1), 3, Stop Play (P Robinson, 6-1) ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Albaha, 9 Missile Toe (6th) Rififi, 14 Mindrace, Times Of Times, 25 Badger Bay, Snow Falcon (4th), Utmost Zeal, Welsh Mountain (5th) 12 ran. NR: Deerly 2½l, ¾l, 1¼l, sh hd, 1¼l N Callaghan at Newmarket Tote £13.40; £4.20, £1.70, £1.80 DF £42.40 Trio £49.10 CSF £43.15 Tricast: £215.26

4.15 (6f 3yd) 1, QUEST EXPRESS (M Fenton, 11-2), 2, Air Express (B Doyle, 13-2), 3, Maraud (M Hills, 20-1) ALSO RAN: 1-2 fav Regal Patrol (4th), 12 Sharp Return, 14 A Breeze (6th), 25 Admonish (5th) 7 ran ¾l, 5l, 2l, ¾l, 1¼l M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £8.40; £2.00, £2.50 DF £19.80 CSF £37.71

4.45 (1m 6f 17yd) 1, FROZEN SEA (B Doyle, 3-1), 2, Lucky Coin (F Norton, 6-1); 3, Mizyan (L Dettori, 15-8 fav) ALSO RAN: 3 Green Land (4th), 10 Red Light (5th), 33 Noble Society (6th) 6 ran. 4l, 1¼l, nk, 16l, 15l G Enright at Lewes Tote: £4.70; £1.90, £2.70. DF: £9.20. CSF, £18.57

5.15 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, PRINCELY AFFAIR (R Mullen, 13-2), 2, Contrafire (T Thomas, 4-1); 3, Studio Thirty (A Eddery, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Lady Sabina (4th), 8 Augustan (5th), Conic Hill, 11 Persephone, 12 Western Horizon (6th), 16 El Don, Mr Speculator 10 ran 1¼l, sh hd, 1½l, 1l, sh hd M Bell at Newmarket Tote £8.10; £2.90, £1.80, £2.80 DF £17.20 Trio £103.40. CSF £30.59 Tricast: £279.53

Placepot: £335.90. Quadpot: £25.70.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: HILAALA
(4.30 Goodwood)
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RACING: NEWMARKET TRAINER OUT TO STRIKE BLOW FOR UNDERDOGS IN BLUE RIBAND AT EPSOM

Tompkins aims to make Derby mark

JULIAN MUSCAT

Tompkins offers Even Top a reassuring pat before his big Epsom challenge. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

LET us immediately broaden the canvas in sketching the soul of Mark Tompkins, who threatens what few others have achieved in competitive sport. Victory for Even Top, his representative in the Vodafone Derby on Saturday, would equate to Coventry City winning the Premier League, or a British winner at Wimbledon.

It would mark the triumph of the underdog, reduced to that status by nothing more meaningful than a shortage of funds. Above all, it would be hailed as a victory for horse racing itself.

That latter sentiment was overwhelming when Even Top, who has since overcome the effects of a poisoned foot, came within half an inch of catching Mark Of Esteem in the 2,000 Guineas.

Tompkins may not have known whether to laugh or cry, but his horse's brave rally survived a lengthy series of Derby trials as the definitive performance for Epsom. Like the office boy short-listed for the chairmanship, Tompkins now stands within reach of the summit.

Should he scale it, the post-race Derby interview will stun Britain's telly addicts into a silent state of shock. Tompkins will shatter the image of trainers bedecked in expensive suits, trilbies pulled low against the eyes almost as an apology for their very existence. Tompkins's eyes may be shielded by museum-piece tinted spectacles, but he will stand proud and talk straight.

His demeanour will demand that people celebrate with him. He will reflect that it is a long way from the horse-dealers markets in Yorkshire to the winner's circle at Epsom. He will do it all with a confident grace. And he will inspire the belief that racing can actually be fun.

Some who have worked at his Flint Cottage Stables, in the heart of Newmarket, might question whether this Yorkshireman merits portrayal as one of the game's good guys. They have it all wrong, although they will be correct when they say he has a temper. Those to have fought for their livelihood do not then give it away. As far as Tompkins is concerned, staff not totally committed are handing an unacceptable advantage to the opposition.

Yet horsemen hard on their staff are notorious for loving their horses. Tompkins perfectly fits the mould, as he amplified when discussing all-weather racing with typical frankness. "I hate it with a vengeance," he said. "It is unnatural to see those horses coming back with dirt all over their faces. It's just not right."

This dirt can be cleansed in seconds. It is entirely superficial — yet too much of an affront to Tompkins's princely thoroughbreds.

Sound stable management, something of a dwindling art, is the Tompkins creed. As with his attitude to life, it is a no-nonsense approach rooted in old values. Not for him the London clubland, a fertile recruiting ground for the modern owner. This leaves him light on patrons prepared to chase fashionable pedigrees at yearling sales, and therefore light on potential classic winners in his string of 70.

Instead, Tompkins and his wife, Angie, comb the sales circuit, examining every horse in the bargain basement, buying speculatively in the hope of finding owners later.

It is a world away from the cossetted production line established by wealthy owner-breeders, yet in Even Top, a 27,000 guineas purchase, Tompkins has unearthed a horse of similar ability. And he paid a modest 32,000 guineas for Honest Guest, who boasts legitimate claims in the Oaks tomorrow.

His training method owes everything to instinct. "As the horses walk out of the drive in the mornings I don't really know what I'm going to do with them," he said. "I try to think what they're thinking, get inside their heads, decide what it is they want to do.

"Actually, galloping them on the Heath twice a week is the easy part. It takes 15 years to vaguely learn how to train horses — and even then you keep learning every day."

Intriguingly, Tompkins, a regular player of the National Lottery, has recently recruited Mystic Meg to his band of satisfied patrons. I wondered: had he consulted her crystal ball in respect of Even Top's Derby chance? "I hadn't actually thought of that, but I suppose I ought to, really."

There is a lack of conviction in his voice, born, no doubt, from the knowledge that the soothsayer's promise is fickle against the fruits of hard work's rewards.

Tompkins has never trusted to luck, and with Even Top stabled within spitting distance of where he sat, he almost certainly reflected there was little point in starting now.

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CHESTER

THUNDERER

6.45 **KNOBBLEENEEZE** (nap). 7.15 Maradata. 7.45 Mujova. 8.15 Kalabo. 8.45 Little Noggins. 9.15 Myttons Mistake.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.45 Wild Rice.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.45 PEEPING TOM HANDICAP
(£6,645: 7f 2yd) (12 runners)

1 0-03 WILD RICE 26 (CD,F,G) G Wragg 4-10-0 M Hills 8
2 -031 HIGHBORN 38 (CD,F,G) P Felgate 7-9-12 K Darley 7
3 -601 NEW CENTURY 33 (D,F) D Nicholls 4-9-11 Alex Greaves 11
4 3400 TILER 5 (D,F,S) M Johnston 4-9-3 J Weaver 5
5 6531 ORANGE PLACE 14 (D,G,S) T Naughton 5-8-13 T Quinn 10
6 -851 I'M YOUR LADY 33 (D,F) B McMahon 5-8-10 G Carter 6
7 -334 SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 31 (CD,BF,F,G,S) J Watts 8-8-8 N Connorton 4
8 0062 KNOBBLEENEEZE 8 (V,D,F,G,S) M Channon 6-8-5 L Dettori 3
9 6222 PERSIAN FAYRE 6 (F) J Berry 4-8-4 J Carroll 12
10 1206 LE SPORT 30 (D,G) A Bailey 3-8-4 D Wright (3) 2
11 2001 DUELLO 8 (D,S) M Blanshard 5-8-4 (6ex) J Quinn 1
12 -004 CATS BOTTOM 5 (F) A Newcombe 4-7-10 N Varley (3) 9

4-1 New Century, 9-2 Highborn, 5-1 Wild Rice, 6-1 Orange Place, 8-1 I'm Your Lady, Persian Fayre. 10-1 others.

7.15 RABBIT CATCHER HANDICAP
SKY

(£4,202: 1m 2f 75yd) (6)

1 0013 REVERAND THICKNESS 13 (G,S) A Bailey 5-9-10 K Darley 4
2 10-4 WESTERN SAL 9 (D,G) J L Harris 4-9-6 T Quinn 5
3 0325 WENTBRIDGE LAD 6 (B,C,BF,F,G,S) P Evans 6-9-3 K Fallon 3
4 -605 MR ROUGH 19 (BF,F) D Morris 5-8-12 D Harrison 2
5 3210 MARADATA 9 (D,BF,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-9 L Dettori 1
6 0055 CEE-JAY-AY 7 (C,F,G,S) J Berry 9-8-2 J Carroll 6

9-4 Reverend Thickness, 4-1 Maradata, 9-2 Western Sal, 5-1 Wentbridge Lad, Mr Rough, Cee-Jay-Ay 6-1 others.

7.45 TARRAGON MAIDEN STAKES
SKY

(2-Y-O: £4,406: 5f 16yd) (5)

1 0 BALLYMOTE 13 J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 1
2 4032 BOLD AFRICAN 10 (B) P Evans 9-0 K Fallon 5
3 633 MUJOVA 29 R Hollinshead 9-0 J Weaver 2
4 OMAHA CITY 6 B Gubby 9-0 L Dettori 3
5 62 MANHATTAN DIAMOND 12 A Bailey 8-9 K Darley 4

5-4 Mujova, 11-4 Manhattan Diamond, 7-2 Bold African, 7-1 Ballymote, 10-1 Omaha City.

8.15 BIRD LIME CONDITIONS STAKES
SKY

(£5,603: 1m 4f 66yd) (5)

1 0-10 JUYUSH 34 (D,F,S) B Hills 4-9-11 R Hills 4
2 20-1 KEY TO MY HEART 21 (D,F,S) Miss S Hall 6-9-5 J Weaver 5
3 11 RAINBOW TOP 114 (G) W Haggas 4-9-5 M Hills 1
4 2-31 SURANOM 18 (D,S) L Cumani 4-9-5 K Darley 3
5 50-3 KALABO 130 (F,S) S bin Suroor 4-8-11 L Dettori 2

6-4 Kalabo, 2-1 Key To My Heart, 9-2 Suranom, 5-1 Juyush, 6-1 Rainbow Top.

8.45 FLASH IN THE PAN CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,513: 6f 18yd) (11)

1 54-0 DOUBLE OSCAR 5 (D,F) M Johnston 9-8 J Weaver 10
2 -100 LITTLE NOGGINS 43 (D,F,S) C Dwyer 9-3 N Varley (3) 2
3 -050 ANGUS McCOATUP 12 (B) B McMahon 8-12 L Newton (5) 1
4 -105 STAKDOWN 6 (BF,F,G,S) J Berry 8-12 K Darley 5
5 2061 CISERANO 6 (G) M Channon 8-11 T Quinn 7
6 5000 BOFFY 13 (D,G) B Baugh 8-10 Iona Wands (7) 11
7 -633 NO MONKEY NUTS 24 (D,BF,F) J Berry 8-10 J Carroll 9
8 0134 THE WAD 6 (D,F) D Nicholls 8-6 K Fallon 6
9 5- PALACEGATE CHIEF 311 N Littmoden 8-5 T G McLaughlin 8
10 2033 THE FRISKY FARMER 17 (D,F,S) W G M Turner 8-4 T Sprake 4
11 0000 U-NO-HARRY 37 (D,F) R Hollinshead 8-4 F Lynch (5) 3

7-4 Double Oscar, 5-1 Little Noggins, 6-1 The Wad, 7-1 No Monkey Nuts, 8-1 The Frisky Farmer, 10-1 Ciserano, 12-1 Boffy, 14-1 others.

9.15 DOGE OF VENICE HANDICAP
(£4,280: 5f 16yd) (12)

1 1456 LADY SHERIFF 9 (D,BF,F,G) R Hollinshead 5-10-0 F Lynch (5) 4
2 0-09 PALACEGATE JACK 28 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 5-9-10 P Roberts (5) 2
3 2-00 HINTON ROCK 12 (B,D,F) A Bailey 4-9-8 J Carroll 3
4 1-02 BAJAN ROSE 8 (D,F,G,S) M Blanshard 4-9-4 J Quinn 12
5 80-0 MACFARLANE 59 (CD,G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 8-9-0 D Harrison 11
6 2332 MYTTONS MISTAKE 29 (D,F) A Bailey 3-8-11 K Darley 1
7 0205 ALLWIGHT THEN 27 (D,G) R Peacock 5-8-11 S Drowne (3) 5
8 2021 CHADWELL HALL 49 (B,D,F,G,S) S Bowring 5-8-9 C Teague (3) 10
9 0022 SING WITH THE BAND 12 (D,G) B McMahon 5-8-4 L Newton (5) 7
10 1053 LITTLE IBNR 28 (D,F,G) P Evans 5-8-4 K Fallon 9
11 0-00 GONDO 6 (V,CD,F,G,S) E Alston 9-7-10 Iona Wands (7) 6
12 0000 TOMMY TEMPEST 17 (V,D,G) R Peacock 7-7-10 N Varley (3) 8

7-2 Bajan Rose, 4-1 Myttons Mistake, 9-2 Chadwell Hall, 5-1 Sing With The Band. 10-1 Hinton Rock, Lady Sheriff. 12-1 others.

PERTH

THUNDERER

7.00 Muzrak. 7.30 Hillwalk. 8.00 Tabu Lady. 8.30 Boring. 9.00 Mister Casual. 9.30 Classic Statement.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

7.00 JOLLY MILLER NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,788: 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 1- GAWN INN 31 (G) W Patton 6-11-7 Mr R J Patton
2 404- BALLYALLIA CASTLE 8 (B) R Fisher 7-11-7 P Niven
3 600- BIREQUEST 10 D Moffatt 5-11-7 D J Moffatt
4 /50- EXCUSE ME 6 (B) I Ferguson 7-11-1 P Carberry
5 50P- JUST A GUESS 94 (B) J J O'Neill 5-11-1 A Roche (3)
6 /62- MUZRAK 21 M Hammond 5-11-1 R Garritty
7 460- KITZBERG 10 W Rock 5-10-10 A P McCoy

7-4 Muzrak, 9-4 Gawn Inn, 5-1 Ballyallia Castle, 6-1 Birequest, 10-1 Kitzberg, 12-1 Excuse Me, 14-1 Just A Guess.

7.30 RIVERBOAT CASINO HANDICAP CHASE
SKY

(£4,052: 3m) (11)

1 1U3- CEILIDH BOY 41 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 10-12-0 G Cahill (3)
2 312- CROSS CANNON 22 (F,G) J Hellens 10-11-9 B Storey
3 165- SWORD BEACH 154 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 12-11-6 P Niven
4 P21- HILLWALK 13 (D,F,G,S) R Curtis 10-11-4 D Morris
5 122- ROCKET RUN 41 (F,G,S) Miss L Russell 8-11-3 A Thornton
6 544/ THE YANK 409 (V,D,F,G) M Hammond 10-10-5 Mr C Bonner (3)
7 362- EAST HOUSTON 12 (F,G) J J O'Neill 7-10-4 A P McCoy
8 633- OFF THE BRU 12 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 11-10-2 Mr M Bradburne (7)
9 226/ JIMS CHOICE 694 (S) W Patton 9-10-2 R Davis
10 25P- POSITIVE ACTION 8 (B,F,G,S) M Barnes 10-10-0 A Dobbin
11 4/6- BALD JOKER 64 (D,F,G) D McBratney 11-10-0 P Carberry

7-2 Hillwalk, 5-1 Rocket Run, 6-1 Ceilidh Boy, 7-1 Cross Cannon, 8-1 Sword Beach, Off The Bru, East Houston. 10-1 others.

8.00 BRUCE WILSON SPORTS AND LEISURE HANDICAP HURDLE
SKY

(£2,723: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 111- LINLATHEN 10 (D,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-12-7 (7ex) P Niven
2 036- TABU LADY 8 (B,CD,G) W Rock 5-10-12 A P McCoy
3 654- MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 12 (C,D,F,G) M Hammond 10-10-12 R Garritty
4 242- LEVEL EDGE 5 (G) H Alexander 5-10-9 R McGrath (5)
5 301- CANDID LAD 8 (F,S) F Storey 9-10-4 (7ex) B Storey
6 DP0- DALUSMAN 12 (F) J Birkett 5-10-1 L O'Hara
7 403- SYLVAN CELEBRATION 41 J Goldie 5-10-0 G Cahill (3)

Evens Linlathen, 4-1 Candid Lad, 5-1 Level Edge, 10-1 Master Ofthe House, 12-1 Tabu Lady, 20-1 Dalusman, Sylvan Celebration.

8.30 EARL GREY NOVICES CHASE
(£3,761: 2m) (9)

1 331- EXCISE MAN 12 (D,F,G) F Walton 9-11-9 B Storey
2 531- MOVAC 9 (G) Miss L Russell 7-11-9 A Thornton
3 4P3- BOETHIUS 12 M Barnes 7-11-2 A Dobbin
4 P52- BORING 12 W Storey 7-11-2 R McGrath (5)
5 F42- LE DENSTAN 9 Mrs D Thomson 9-11-2 R Davis
6 543- MISTER BLACK 26 P Grattan 8-11-2 P Carberry
7 PP0- POP IN THERE 10 J Birkett 8-11-2 L O'Hara
8 002- REVE DE VALSE 10 (G,S) R Johnson 9-11-2 Mr P Johnson
9 010- SECRETARY OF STATE 15 (F,G) D Arbuthnot 10-11-2 A P McCoy

7-4 Movac, 7-2 Excise Man, 5-1 Boring, 7-1 Secretary Of State, 8-1 Boethius, Mister Black, 12-1 Le Denstan, 14-1 others.

9.00 SNUGGLES BREAK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,388: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 0/2- PATS CROSS 6 (B) I Ferguson 7-11-10 A P McCoy
2 012- TRIENNIUM 9 (F) R Allan 7-10-13 S Melrose (7)
3 040- DAYTIME DAWN 19 D Moffatt 5-10-9 D J Moffatt
4 063- ON THE MOVE 8 J Turner 5-10-8 W Fry
5 3F3- MISTER CASUAL 9 W Reed 7-10-4 R McGrath (5)
6 353- TEEJAY'N'AITCH 6F J Goldie 4-10-4 G Cahill (3)
7 000- BOURDONNER 103 M Hammond 4-10-2 Mr C Bonner (3)
8 6/6- GRINNELL 250 D McCune 6-10-2 R Davis
9 3P0- LAC DE GRAS 14 R Curtis 5-10-0 D Morris
10 506- CHARLISTIONA 10 J Dodds 5-10-0 B Fenton (3)
11 SP5- COQUET GOLD 12 F Walton 5-10-0 B Storey
12 00P- MELODY DANCER 21 J Andrews 5-10-0 R Murphy (7)

5-2 Pats Cross, 9-2 Triennium, 6-1 Bourdonner, Mister Casual, 7-1 Teejay'n'aitch, 12-1 On The Move, 14-1 others.

9.30 GLASGOW WEST END CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,786: 3m 110yd) (6)

1 514- SCRABO VIEW 31 (D,F,G,S) P Beaumont 8-12-0 B Grattan (6)
2 314- TOUGH TEST 21 (F,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 6-11-2 B Fenton
3 301- NICHOLAS PLANT 12 (F,S) J Goldie 7-11-7 G Cahill
4 F12- SLAUGHT SON 12 (D,F,G) R Fisher 8-11-6 F Leahy
5 300- CLASSIC STATEMENT 28 (B,D,F,S) J Hellens 10-10-10 S Taylor (3)
6 P6P/ MARLINGFORD 608 (C,G,S) Mrs J Jordan 9-10-7 D Parker

2-1 Nicholas Plant, 9-4 Slaught Son, 5-2 Scrabo View, 9-2 Tough Test, 25-1 Classic Statement, Marlingford.

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

Chester

TRAINERS: M Fetherston-Godley, 3 winners from 11 runners, 27.3%; B Hills, 14 from 68, 20.6%; G Wragg, 5 from 27, 18.5%. J Watts, 4 from 24, 16.7%. M Blanshard, 3 from 18, 16.7%. W Haggas, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 9 winners from 56 rides, 16.1%; M Hills, 10 from 67, 14.9%; G Carter, 6 from 46, 13.0%. J Carroll, 12 from 98, 12.2%; K Fallon, 9 from 74, 12.2%. L Dettori, 8 from 68, 11.8%. J Quinn, 5 from 45, 11.1%.

Perth

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 20 winners from 48 runners, 41.7%; P Beaumont, 6 from 20, 30.0%; M Hammond, 14 from 68, 20.6%; J Goldie, 5 from 25, 20.0%; R Allan, 3 from 20, 15.0%. M Barnes, 4 from 32, 12.5%.

JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; P Niven, 23 from 73, 31.5%; G Cahill, 5 from 24, 20.8%; F Leahy, 3 from 15, 20.0%. A Dobbin, 14 from 76, 18.4%.

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER

2.20 Castletown Count. 2.50 Smarter Charter. 3.20 For Old Times Sake. 3.50 Deano's Beano. 4.20 Fahim. 4.50 Belinda Blue.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.20 Ice Age.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 HURN CLAIMING STAKES
([illegible]) (7 runners)

1 [illegible] 33- [illegible] (G,S) [illegible] K Darley 84
2 [illegible] 2002 [illegible] J Stack (3) 80
3 [illegible] 32- CANTE CHICO [illegible] Jo Hunnam (7) 94
4 [illegible] CASTLETOWN COUNT [illegible] (F) [illegible] Hogg 4-9-4 N Kennedy ▣
5 [illegible] VENTURE FOURTH [illegible] J Tate —
6 [illegible] REMONTANT [illegible] F Lynch (5) 75
7 [illegible] ISLAND CASCADE [illegible] Kim Tinkler 85

[illegible] Castletown Count, [illegible] Cante Chico, [illegible] Bold Top, [illegible] Venture Fourth, Remontant, [illegible] Island Cascade.

2.50 TOUCH ABOVE HANDICAP
(£3,127: 1m 1f 207yd) (7)

1 (3) 5-00 REEFA'S MILL 31 (V) J Neville 4-9-10 S Drowne (3) 92
2 (4) -022 ELITE JUSTICE 40J (C,F) S Gollings 4-9-7 V Halliday 87
3 (6) 250- EFIZIA 219 (CD,F,S) [illegible] 6-9-6 J Tate 89
4 (7) 05-3 ESSAYEFFSEE 13 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-2 K Darley 97
5 (5) 4122 SMARTER CHARTER 13 (C,F) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-1 K Fallon 97
6 (2) 2005 JUNGLE PATROL 15 (F) M Brittain 4-9-0 G Carter 97
7 (1) 2255 SILVERDALE KNIGHT 3 (F) K Hogg 3-8-5 D McKeown ▣

5-4 Smarter Charter, 11-4 Essayeffsee, 6-1 Efizia, Silverdale Knight, 10-1 Jungle Patrol, 12-1 Reefa's Mill, 16-1 Elite Justice.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 6 winners from 19 runners, 31.6%; R Fahey, 3 from 14, 21.4%; M Johnston, 19 from 95, 20.0%; A Stewart, 3 from 15, 20.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 16 from 106, 15.1%; J Berry, 17 from 124, 13.7%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 44 winners from 254 selections, 16.8%; R Hills, 4 from 23, 17.4%; J Weaver, 17 from 124, 13.7%; M Hills, 3 from 25, 12.0%; K Fallon, 19 from 165, 11.4%; G Carter, 8 from 71, 11.3%.

3.20 BRIAN YEARDLEY CONTINENTAL TWO YEAR OLD TROPHY
(Conditions stakes: £7,468: 5f) (6)

1 (2) 0111 FOR OLD TIMES SAKE 17 (CD,F,G) J Berry 9-1 G Carter ▣
2 (5) 021 BOLERO BOY 15 (D,G) M W Easterby 8-13 Dale Gibson 85
3 (3) 341 DOUBLE ACTION 19 (D,F) T Easterby 8-13 K Fallon 81
4 (4) 31 FOR YOUR EYES ONLY 18 (G) T Easterby 8-13 K Darley 91
5 (1) 1 ICE AGE 31 (D,F) P Williams 8-13 M Hills 90
6 (6) 12 SUPERIOR PREMIUM 29 (D,BF,S) R Fahey 8-9 A Culhane 98

5-2 For Old Times Sake, 3-1 For Your Eyes Only, 7-2 Ice Age, 5-1 Double Action, 6-1 Bolero Boy, Superior Premium.

3.50 111th YEAR OF THE WATT MEMORIAL HANDICAP
(£5,540: 1m 3f 216yd) (6)

1 (6) 072- HARBOUR ISLAND 230 (V,S) M Stoute 4-10-0 K Fallon 96
2 (5) 3512 BARDON HILL BOY 14 (F,G) B Hanbury 4-9-10 J Stack (3) 98
3 (3) 5-63 TYKEYVOR 23 (F,G) Lady Herries 6-9-3 K Darley 96
4 (1) 4-63 DEANO'S BEENO 12 (F) M Johnston 4-9-2 J Weaver ▣
5 (4) -614 TESSAJOE 31 (D,BF,F,G) M Camacho 4-8-12 L Charnock 97
6 (2) 654- FAUGERON 223J (D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 7-7-10 Kim Tinkler 97

9-4 Bardon Hill Boy, 5-2 Harbour Island, 3-1 Tykeyvor, 5-1 Tessajoe, 7-1 Deano's Beeno, 10-1 Faugeron.

4.20 ETTON MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,561: 1m 100yd) (6)

1 (1) ARABIAN DESIGN G Moore 4-9-7 J Tate —
2 (4) 60-0 MIDNIGHT SPELL 20 J Hills 4-9-2 M Hills 97
3 (3) 66 CROWN COURT 19 L Cumani 3-8-10 K Darley 95
4 (5) 0- FAHIM 252 A Stewart 3-8-10 R Hills ▣
5 (6) SHEHAB W Haggas 3-8-10 R McGhin —
6 (2) 04- DESERT FROLIC 250 M Johnston 3-8-5 P Robinson 95

Evens Fahim, 7-2 Desert Frolic, 5-1 Crown Court, 6-1 Shehab, 8-1 Midnight Spell, 16-1 Arabian Design.

4.50 FIGHAM APPRENTICES MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,134: 5f) (9)

1 (8) 0503 WIRE ACT 6 M Meade 3-10-0 Claire Angell (5) 90
2 (5) 000- SHARP HOLLY 176J J Bennett 4-8-13 R Mullen 80
3 (9) 0202 BELINDA BLUE 12 R Fahey 4-8-10 R Ffrench 90
4 (1) -600 YOUNG BEN 58 J Wainwright 4-9-6 T Siddall (5) 82
5 (4) -005 CHINA HAND 7 M Wane 4-9-2 K Sked 82
6 (2) 000 ROCKY STREAM 13 R Whitaker 3-9-2 P Fredericks (5) 80
7 (6) 0000 BRANSTON KRISTY 3 (B) C Smith 4-8-13 C Cogan 82
8 (3) 0006 BLUE LUGANA 9 (B) N Bycroft 4-8-11 C Scudder 86
9 (7) 0626 BOWCLIFFE GRANGE 6 D Chapman 4-8-1 Jo Webster ▣

9-4 Wire Act, 7-2 Belinda Blue, 4-1 Rocky Stream, 5-1 China Hand, 10-1 Branston Kristy, Blue Lugana, 12-1 Bowcliffe Grange.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.10 Freckles Kelly. 2.40 Sea Victor. 3.10 Farmost. 3.40 Hornpipe. 4.10 No Rush. 4.40 Awafeh.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 LION HANDICAP
(£2,381: 5f) (11 runners)

1 050- KUNG FRODE 231 (CD,G) B McMahon 4-10-0 G Duffield 8
2 4254 ELTON LEDGER 10 (V,C,F) Mrs Macauley 7-9-12 Emma O'Gorman 3
3 3225 MY CHERRYWELL 10 (B,C,D,G,S) L L James 6-9-8 C Webb (7) 9
4 0033 RENNYHOLME 10 (B,D,G) J Hetherton 5-9-6 N Adams 4
5 4130 GENERAL EQUATION 54 (CD,G) J Balding 3-9-4 J Edmunds (7) 5
6 0511 HALLIARD 12 (D,F,G) T Jones 5-9-4 R Perham 11
7 0011 FRECKLES KELLY 12 (D,F,G) T Easterby 4-9-0 J Quinn 7
8 0450 DELROB 6 (V,CD,F,G) D Haydn Jones 5-8-9 Anthony Bond (7) 10
9 0153 NAPIER STAR 12 (C,G) Mrs N Macauley 3-8-7 C Teague (3) 6
10 0060 HALBERT 15 (V,D,F) P Burgoyne 7-8-7 D R McCabe 1
11 0005 MY LILIAN 6 W Brisbourne 4-7-12 R Mullen (7) 2

7-2 Halliard, 9-2 Freckles Kelly, 11-2 Rennyholme, 6-1 Elton Ledger, 7-1 Napier Star, My Cherrywell, 8-1 General Equation, 10-1 others.

2.40 PUMA CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,381: 2m) (13)

1 0030 SEA VICTOR 8 (D,F,G) J L Harris 4-9-5 T Ives 9
2 1004 OLD PROVENCE 40 (F,G) R Harris 6-9-2 D Bageate 3
3 KIRKADIAN 216J N Bycroft 6-9-1 G Duffield 10
4 0-66 EFAAD 10 (V) J Norton 5-8-10 J F Egan 12
5 05-6 GUNMAKER 17J B Llewellyn 7-8-10 T Williams 7
6 5/20 READY TO DRAW 31J (F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 7-8-10 D Biggs 6
7 0404 RECORD LOVER 24 (CD,G) M Chapman 6-8-10 P Fessey (5) 5
8 50-5 DESERT PRESIDENT 63J P Mooney 5-8-8 J Quinn 13
9 40-6 KINDRED GREETING 40J J A Harris 4-8-7 J O'Reilly 2
10 00-0 COMEDIE ARRETE 30 M Chapman 4-8-4 P McCabe (3) 11
11 F4-3 SLIPPERY FIN 6 W G M Turner 4-8-4 T Sprake 4
12 CELTIC LILLEY 59J P Mooney 6-8-3 J Fanning 1
13 545- CLUB ELITE 229J M Barraclough 4-8-0 N Varley (3) 8

7-4 Sea Victor, 9-4 Old Provence, 3-1 Slippery Fin, 9-1 Club Elite, 9-1 others.

3.10 CHEETAH HANDICAP
(£2,381: 7f) (13)

1 2040 MAYBANK 10 (C,G) B McMahon 4-9-10 J F Egan 1
2 2100 KING OF MUNSTER 12 Mrs J Cecil 4-9-8 T Ives 12
3 5111 FARMOST 1 (D,F,G,S) M Prescott 3-9-6 (6ex) G Duffield 4
4 1003 SEA SPOUSE 6 (C,D,G,S) M Blanshard 5-9-6 C Adamson (5) 7
5 3024 QUINZII MARTIN 6 (V,CD,G) D H Jones 8-9-5 Tony Bond (7) 10
6 -004 RIVER GARNOCK 6 (F) D Nicholls 4-8-13 J Bramhill (7) 6
7 310- NONEGHETTI 20J (C,D,G) R Hollinshead 5-8-8 N Carlisle 9
8 0502 HI ROCK 18 (F) J Norton 4-8-9 J Fanning 8
9 0003 KISMETIM 7 (B,G) D Chapman 6-8-6 S D Williams 3
10 5310 PRINCIPAL BOY 10 (CD,G) T Etherington 3-8-6 C Rutter 13
11 0600 TITANIUM HONDA 15 (B,CD,G) D O'Brien 5-7-10 G Bardwell 5
12 -000 FRED'S DELIGHT 28 Mrs V Aconley 5-7-10 J Quinn 2
13 0-00 VERRO 14J (B,C,G,S) K Bishop 9-7-10 N Adams 11

2-1 Farmost, 6-1 Hi Rock, 6-1 Sea Spouse, 8-1 River Garnock, 10-1 others.

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: **Goodwood:** 5.00 Astral Invader. **Beverley:** 2.50 Reefa's Mill, 3.50 Harbour Island. **Southwell:** 2.10 Delrob, 2.40 Efaad, 3.40 Jovie King, 4.40 Realms Of Glory, Lucitino. **Chester:** 7.45 Bold African, Angus McCoatup. **Perth:** 7.00 Excuse Me, Ballyallia Castle, Just A Guess. 7.30 Positive Action. 9.00 Pats Cross.

3.40 TIGER MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,371: 1m) (16)

1 -040 PRUDENT PRINCESS 12 A Hide 4-9-13 Martin Dwyer (5) 2
2 00-2 TAUTEN 17 P Burgoyne 6-9-12 D R McCabe 11
3 -032 HORNPIPE 12 J Wharton 4-9-11 W J O'Connor 3
4 5000 SHERAZ 12 N Tinkler 4-9-11 C Rutter 16
5 6-60 LA TANSANI 33 R Hannon 3-9-8 J F Egan 4
6 5-20 DISALLOWED 31 M Bell 3-9-7 R Perham 8
7 440- CAREFUL 233 B Hills 3-9-6 T Sprake 15
8 5-40 JUBA 17 J Scargill 4-9-3 T Ives 12
9 0-00 BASHTHEBOARDS 14 J Dunn 3-9-3 S D Williams 5
10 0004 FASTINI GOLD 8 M Usher 4-9-0 N Adams 1
11 0000 JOVIE KING 5 (V) P Mitchell 4-8-12 C Adamson (5) 6
12 3520 NIVASHA 59J P Mooney 4-8-4 J Fanning 10
13 206/ TIP IT IN 415J A Smith 7-8-2 C Teague (3) 9
14 0020 HADADABBLE 13 Pat Mitchell 3-8-2 N Carlisle 13
15 0200 ROYAL RAPPORT 9 (B) B McMahon 3-8-2 G Duffield 7
16 0604 SPEEDY SNAPS PRIDE 10 (B) P Cundell 4-8-0 J Quinn 14

7-2 Fastini Gold, 4-1 Tauten, 5-1 Hornpipe, Nivasha, 8-1 Bashtheboards, 10-1 La Tansani, Careful, 12-1 others.

4.10 LEOPARD SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,070: 6f) (7)

1 1604 ENCHANTING EVE 10 (G) C Allen 8-12 L Newton (5) 3
2 4 IMPALA 10 W G M Turner 8-11 T Sprake 4
3 52 NO RUSH 7 J Berry 8-11 S D Williams 7
4 05 RONS REVENGE 10 M Ryan 8-11 T Ives 5
5 00 DOZEN ROSES 58 T Jones 8-6 R Perham 2
6 HAZY DAYZ D O'Brien 8-6 G Bardwell 6
7 6 ODDFELLOWS GIRL 9 N Bycroft 8-6 G Duffield 1

2-1 Impala, 5-2 Rons Revenge, 3-1 Enchanting Eve, 4-1 No Rush, 20-1 Dozen Roses, Oddfellows Girl, 33-1 Hazy Dayz.

4.40 BET WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,381: 1m) (16)

1 6-30 CRAIGMORE MAGIC 14 Miss M Milligan 9-7 J Fanning 11
2 50-0 CLASSIC DELIGHT 96 R Harris 9-7 D Bageate 3
3 0-00 JOLIS PRESENT 8 (B,G) M Ryan 9-5 T Ives 4
4 0-00 REALMS OF GLORY 21 (V) P Mitchell 9-4 J Quinn 16
5 -050 JIMJAREER 10 (C,G) J Wilson 9-2 S D Williams 12
6 5530 SEEKING DESTINY 28 (BF,C,G) M Chapman 9-0 P Fessey (5) 14
7 00-0 PULGA CIRCO 8 B McMahon 8-11 J F Egan 5
8 3465 EFFIPETITE 10 (CD,G) N Bycroft 8-11 N Kennedy 7
9 0500 LUCITINO 10 (B) S Williams 8-11 O Urbina 1
10 5350 PRINCESS PAMGADDY 10 (G) C Allen 8-10 Martin Dwyer (5) 15
11 3205 DOWN THE YARD 23 (F) M Chapman 8-9 P McCabe (3) 8
12 0-22 AWAFEH 10 S Mellor 8-7 N Adams 9
13 U-60 DIGWANA 65 T Jones 8-6 R Perham 6
14 0-30 HOW COULD-I 9 T Easterby 8-6 W J O'Connor 10
15 0404 SUPREME ILLUSION 12 (B) John Berry 8-3 G Duffield 13
16 -005 COCOON 118 C Thornton 8-2 N Carlisle 2

3-1 Down The Yard, 4-1 Awafeh, 5-1 Craigmore Magic, Pulga Circo, 6-1 Effipetite, 12-1 Jolis Present, Princess Pamgaddy, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Ryan, 20 winners from 87 runners, 23.0%; B Llewellyn, 3 from 16, 18.8%; M Prescott, 19 from 106, 17.9%; M Bell, 11 from 75, 14.7%; J Berry, 35 from 250, 14.0%; D Nicholls, 13 from 98, 13.3%.

JOCKEYS: D Biggs, 31 winners from 168 rides, 18.5%; T Ives, 24 from 132, 18.2%; Emma O'Gorman, 28 from 175, 16.0%; C Teague, 21 from 154, 13.6%; G Duffield, 21 from 194, 10.8%; G Bardwell, 28 from 262, 10.7%.

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER

2.00 Lucky Revenge
2.30 Speed To Lead
3.00 Male-Ana-Mou
3.30 Harbour Dues
4.00 Without Friends
4.30 Hilaala
5.00 Jobie

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 **STATE OF CAUTION.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 **HAMLET** (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 ALBERT MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,915: 7f) (12 runners)

101 (5) 04 BANNERET 17 (E & W Robins) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 J Reid 81
102 (10) CROSS OF VALOUR (P Dalby) J Toller 9-0 S Sanders —
103 (11) 0520- DIAMOND BEACH 226 (R Richards) B Hills 9-0 B Thomson 87
104 (6) 33-0523 LIONEL EDWARDS 6 (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 9-0 DOUBTFUL —
105 (12) MEMPHIS BEAU (Blandford Thoroughbreds) J Toller 9-0 D Harrison —
106 (3) 053- MUHANDAM 264 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-0 W Ryan 78
107 (2) 00 PLAY THE TUNE 5 (R Brookhouse) K Burke 9-0 S Whitworth 73
108 (1) 05-243 STATE OF CAUTION 18 (G Ward) J Dunlop 9-0 Pat Eddery ▣
109 (7) 0 ALL STAND 15 (Major P Pusinelli) D Chappell 8-9 A Clark 85
110 (9) 00 BOMBAY SAPPHIRE 29 (P Tellwright) R Hannon 8-9 Dane O'Neill (3) —
111 (4) 0 GOVERNANCE 51 (B Kelly) K McAuliffe 8-9 M Henry (5) —
112 (8) 002220- LUCKY REVENGE 274 (S Bayless) M Meade 8-9 R Havlin (5) 74

BETTING: 2-1 State Of Caution, 4-1 Lionel Edwards, 9-2 Diamond Beach, Muhandam, 5-1 All Stand, 6-1 Lucky Revenge, 12-1 Banneret, 14-1 others.

1995: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

BANNERET 6l 4th of 11 to Divina Luna in auction maiden at Bath (1m, good). DIAMOND BEACH 4l 2nd of 11 to Insatiable in maiden at Newcastle (7f, good) on penultimate start. LIONEL EDWARDS 1¾l and head 3rd of 8 to Limerick Princess in handicap at Catterick (6f, good). MUHANDAM 1l and neck 3rd of 10 to The Man in maiden at Catterick (6f, good). STATE OF CAUTION 1¾l 3rd of 12 to King Of Peru in handicap over course and distance (good). ALL STAND 8l 7th of 16 to Portry in maiden over course and distance (good). LUCKY REVENGE 2l 2nd of 6 to Femra in seller here (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: STATE OF CAUTION

2.30 MORTAR MILL HANDICAP
(£4,464: 2m) (8 runners)

201 (6) 23-5303 THALJANAH 18 (F,G) (W Clifford) D Williams 4-9-13 W Carson 98
202 (2) 3/23-23 SPEED TO LEAD 41 (BF) (Buckram Oak Holdings) H Cecil 4-9-10 Pat Eddery 95
203 (8) 014/00-6 IVOR'S FLUTTER 12 (G,S) (W Perry) D Elsworth 7-9-4 A Procter 90
204 (1) 101-002 EN VACANCES 18 (D,S) (Lambourn Valley Racing) A Foster 4-9-4 S Sanders ▣
205 (3) 362033- SUPREME STAR 190 (F,G) (J Whelan) P Hedger 5-9-0 Dane O'Neill (3) 94
206 (4) 6001-00 BOLIVAR 9 (B,G) (BEL Leisure Ltd) R Akehurst 4-8-5 T Quinn 94
207 (7) 00/03-12 SHERIFF 12 (D,BF,F,G) (C Brown) J Hills 5-8-2 D Harrison 98
208 (5) 20-6501 GRANBY BELL 8 (G,S) (H Watton) P Hayward 5-7-13 (5ex) M Henry (5) 97

BETTING: 5-2 En Vacances, 11-4 Thaljanah, 7-2 Granby Bell, 4-1 Speed To Lead, 7-1 Sheriff, 12-1 Supreme Star, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SPEED TO LEAD 5½l 3rd of 13 to Darter in handicap at Sandown (2m 78yd, good). IVOR'S FLUTTER 18½l 6th of 11 to Rocky Forum in handicap at Kempton (2m, good to soft). EN VACANCES 4l 2nd of 16 to Rocky Forum in handicap at Newbury (2m, soft) with THALJANAH head 3rd and GRANBY BELL (5lb better off) about 20l 8th. BOLIVAR 18l 7th of 8 to World Express in handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, good to soft). SHERIFF 4l 2nd of 10 to Stompin in handicap at Warwick (1m 7f, good).
GRANBY BELL beat Old Irish ½l in 10-runner handicap at Newbury (1m 5f 61yd, soft).
Selection: SPEED TO LEAD

3.00 BELMOREDEAN MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,240: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

301 (6) 0-0 FIRBUR 35 (P Jacobs) N Graham 9-0 R Hughes 64
302 (9) 5-0 FUTURE'S TRADER 40 (A Halam) R Hannon 9-0 Dane O'Neill (3) —
303 (1) 4-3 ILLUMINATE 37 (Blandford Thoroughbreds) J Toller 9-0 S Sanders 98
304 (12) 2 IRISH SEA 8 (Mana Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 J Reid 81
305 (5) 0 KING'S ACADEMY 19 (M Poland) H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan —
306 (13) 33 MALE-ANA-MOU 17 (BF) (Oh So Bright Syndicate) D Elsworth 9-0 T Quinn 92
307 (11) 0 MUKEED 14 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0 A McGlone —
308 (3) 6-3 PALAMON 19 (M Pescod) R Charlton 9-0 Pat Eddery 84
309 (8) SERENUS (E & W Robins) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 B Doyle —
310 (15) SYLVAN HEIGHTS (Mrs J Widmer) R Phillips 9-0 M Fenton —
311 (7) 0-6 CLASSIC LOOK 15 (J Condon) D Chappell 8-9 B Thomson 75
312 (14) 3 CLASSIC PARISIAN 31 (Classic Bloodstock Plc) R Hannon 8-9 A Mackay ▣
313 (4) 0 LEPIKHA 50 (R Sangster) B Hills 8-9 J D Smith (5) 75
314 (2) 4 QUEEN BEE 19 ([illegible]) J Dunlop 8-9 W Carson 73
315 (10) 00 SHOEMAKER LEVY 26 ([illegible]) R O'Sullivan 8-9 A Clark —

BETTING: 4-1 Male-Ana-Mou, 9-2 Irish Sea, 5-1 Illuminate, Palamon, 7-1 Serenus, 8-1 [illegible], 10-1 Queen Bee. 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ILLUMINATE two short heads 3rd of 15 to [illegible] in maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good). IRISH SEA [illegible] 2nd of 17 to Arctid in maiden at Ripon (1m 2f, good). MALE-ANA-MOU neck and [illegible] 3rd of 16 to Crazy Chief in maiden at Windsor (1m 67yd, good). PALAMON 10l 3rd of 12 to [illegible] in maiden at Newbury (1m 2f, soft) with QUEEN BEE 3l 4th and KING'S ACADEMY [illegible]. CLASSIC LOOK [illegible] in maiden here (7f, good). CLASSIC PARISIAN [illegible] in maiden at Haydock (1m [illegible], good to soft). LEPIKHA [illegible] of 20 to [illegible] in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good to firm).
Selection: CLASSIC PARISIAN

3.30 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £5,791: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

401 (5) 0002-11 GENERAL MACARTHUR 26 (D,F) (J Cameron) J Dunlop 9-7 Pat Eddery 88
402 (1) 100-213 NABHAAN 19 (D,BF,F) (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 9-6 W Carson ▣
403 (6) 01 CLASSIC FIND 24 (F) (Classic Bloodstock Plc) R Hannon 9-3 A Mackay 82
404 (7) 6-120 INFAMOUS 13 (D,S) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-2 T Quinn 94
405 (4) 4-23 CLERKENWELL 48 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-2 J Reid 92
406 (3) 44-1 HARBOUR DUES 19 (S) (Hesmonds Stud) Lady Herries 9-1 Paul Eddery 95
407 (2) 000-201 HAMLET 10 (F) ([illegible]) M Bell 8-9 (5ex) M Fenton 98

BETTING: 11-4 Harbour Dues, 4-1 General Macarthur, 9-2 Nabhaan, Hamlet, 5-1 Clerkenwell, 7-1 Classic Find, 12-1 Infamous.

FORM FOCUS

GENERAL MACARTHUR completed double beat Classic Flyer 1¾l in 4-runner conditions race at Beverley (1m 4f, good to firm). NABHAAN head and short-head 3rd of 9 to Samraan in handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, soft). CLASSIC FIND beat Get Away With It ¾l in 8-runner maiden at Redcar (1m 2f, good to firm). INFAMOUS 3½l 2nd of 12 to Al's Alibi in handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good to soft) on penultimate start. CLERKENWELL 1½l 2nd of 14 to Samraan in maiden at Kempton (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. HARBOUR DUES beat Bechstein neck in 12-runner maiden at Newbury (1m 2f, soft). HAMLET beat Istroll 6l in 10-runner handicap at Redcar (1m 3f, good to firm).
Selection: GENERAL MACARTHUR

4.00 BUSTER HASLAM AND PADDY MORRISSEY CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,558: 6f) (7 runners)

501 (1) 2140 CASTLE HOUSE 12 (F) (Mrs J Mullally) J Akehurst 9-5 J D Smith (5) 90
502 (5) 0213 GROVEFAIR FLYER 24 (F) (Grovefair plc) B Meehan 9-5 B Doyle 86
503 (7) 5 IMPULSION 63 (Noodles Racing) R Hannon 9-2 Pat Eddery —
504 (3) 11 WITHOUT FRIENDS 16 (CD,F,G) (Consultco Ltd) Mrs L Stubbs 9-2 Dane O'Neill (3) ▣
505 (2) 236241 HELLO DOLLY 14 (D,G) (N Shields) K Burke 8-8 Paul Eddery 86
506 (6) 0 RUSSIAN SABLE 15 (T Cunningham) M Channon 8-6 W Carson —
507 (4) 343603 CAVIAR AND CANDY 9 (A MacGillivray) D Cosgrove 8-3 M Henry (5) 93

BETTING: 9-4 Without Friends, 5-2 Hello Dolly, 7-2 Castle House, 4-1 Grovefair Flyer, 8-1 Impulsion, 10-1 Russian Sable, 20-1 Caviar And Candy.

FORM FOCUS

CASTLE HOUSE about 3¾l 4th of 5 to Kingsinger in conditions race at Salisbury (5f, good) on penultimate start. GROVEFAIR FLYER beat Polly Moon 2¾l in 7-runner seller at Doncaster (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. WITHOUT FRIENDS completed double beat Miss Barcelona 4l in 7-runner claimer over course and distance (good). HELLO DOLLY beat Going For Broke 3l in 8-runner claimer at Newcastle (6f, good). CAVIAR AND CANDY 4½l 3rd of 6 to But Why in seller at Leicester (6f, good to soft).
Selection: WITHOUT FRIENDS

4.30 DARNLEY LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £7,570: 1m 1f) (6 runners)

601 (3) 5-1418 DOCKLANDS LIMO 31 (BF,G) (Mrs L Olley) B McMath 9-2 M Tebbutt 85
602 (4) 0-00 JOHN-T 20 (Dr J Hobby) J Dunlop 8-12 Pat Eddery 94
603 (6) 6456-0 SEVEN CROWNS 3 (M Al-Shuaibi) R Hannon 8-12 Dane O'Neill (3) 75
604 (5) 6-0021 CD SUPER TARGETING 6 (G) (Circular Dist Ltd) M Channon 8-11 R Hughes 85
605 (1) 4321-1 HILAALA 10 (F,S) (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 W Carson ▣
606 (2) 50-4 POSSESSIVE ARTISTE 12 (Mrs D Sembum) M Stoute 8-9 J Reid 86

BETTING: 5-2 Hilaala, 11-4 John-T, 7-2 Possessive Artiste, 4-1 Docklands Limo, 7-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

DOCKLANDS LIMO beat Exactly 1¾l in 11-runner conditions race at Nottingham (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. JOHN-T 4l 7th of 20 to Kellol in maiden at Newbury (1m, good to firm). SEVEN CROWNS 14l 16th of 21 to Rel Frem in handicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm). CD SUPER TARGETING beat Lavender Della 2½l in maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good). HILAALA beat Crazy Chief 2l in 8-runner conditions race at Chepstow (1m, good to soft). POSSESSIVE ARTISTE 8¾l 4th to My Lewicia in maiden at Kempton (1m, good to soft).
Selection: HILAALA (nap)

5.00 ROOKWOOD APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(£4,078: 6f) (14 runners)

1 (10) 600100 AGWA 7 (D,BF,F,G) (I Baker) R O'Sullivan 7-9-13 M Henry 95
2 (4) 6040-34 NELLIE NORTH 17 (G) (G Greenwood) G McCourt 3-9-7 R Studholme (5) 89
3 (7) 030240- JOBIE 234 (D,G) (J Redmond) B Hills 6-9-7 J D Smith 93
4 (8) 003300- DARK MENACE 253 (Auston Stroud & Co Ltd) E Wheeler 4-9-1 A Daly 95
5 (13) 000-060 DON PEPE 17 (C,F,G) (Mrs E Aird) R Boss 5-9-1 G Faulkner (3) 96
6 (3) 003061 MERRIE LE BOW 5 (D,F) Pat Mitchell 4-8-11 (7ex) Amanda Sanders (3) ▣
7 (11) 600-035 ASTRAL INVADER 7 (B,D,F,S) (M Saunders) M Saunders 4-8-10 A Eddery (5) 97
8 (6) 284260 INVOCATION 15 (CD,F,G) (R Kiernan) A Moore 9-8-10 T Field (5) 93
9 (2) 222400 SHARP IMP 7 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs G Temmerman) R Flower 6-8-10 R Havlin 83
10 (9) 053000- DON'T TELL VICKI 177 (D,F) (Mrs V Goodman) J Moore 3-8-1 J Keenan (7) 92
11 (14) 050003 SHAYNES DOMAIN 15 (B,G) (R Flower) R Flower 5-8-1 M Baird 95
12 (12) 1-52060 SCISSOR RIDGE 21 (G) (D Smith) J Bridger 4-8-1 R Brisland (7) 97
13 (5) 023440 EFFICACY 37 (D,G) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 5-8-1 C Carver (7) 93
14 (1) 0060-00 THE NOBLE OAK 19 (C,D,F,G) (Cleeve Stables) M Bolton 8-7-10 P Doe (5) 95

BETTING: 4-1 Merrie Le Bow, 5-1 Shaynes Domain, Astral Invader, 6-1 Nellie North, 7-1 Scissor Ridge, 8-1 Sharp Imp, 10-1 Invocation, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

AGWA best effort this term beat Badeys Sunset 2l in 10-runner claimer at Brighton (6f, firm). NELLIE NORTH about 3¼l 4th of 8 to Total Aloof in conditions race at Bath (5f, good). JOBIE 7l 4th of 20 to Double Splendour in handicap at Yarmouth (6f, good) on penultimate start. MERRIE LE BOW beat Prima Silk short-head in 14-runner handicap at Lingfield (6f, good to firm). ASTRAL INVADER about 2l 5th of 10 to Always Grace in handicap at Brighton (6f, good) with SHARP IMP (2lb worse off) 4½l 7th and AGWA (2lb worse off) 3l 9th. INVOCATION 10l 11th of 13 to Montserrat in handicap over course and distance (good).
Selection: JOBIE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Stoute	19	78	24.4	Dane O'Neill	7	30	23.3
R Charlton	12	53	22.6	Pat Eddery	31	151	20.5
H Cecil	15	76	19.7	R Hughes	7	40	17.5
J Gosden	21	110	19.1	J Reid	35	221	15.8
B Hanbury	7	39	17.9	R Cochrane	23	150	15.3
P Cole	20	114	17.5	W Carson	29	201	14.4

EQUESTRIANISM

Bramham tests appeal to King

By Jenny MacArthur

MARY KING and William Fox-Pitt, two of Great Britain's shortlisted riders for the Olympic Games, have dual aims at the Bramham International three-day event in Yorkshire, which begins today.

Both riders have been asked by the selectors to ride their Olympic contenders, Star Appeal and Cosmopolitan respectively, in order to prove their fitness for Atlanta. They will also be competing on their younger horses, King Solomon and Linsmore Lord Charles.

The event has attracted a record 88-strong entry, largely due to the cancellation of Ireland's premier event, at Punchestown, last month. The British entry includes three more Olympic shortlisted riders: Ian Stark, on Forest Glen, Leslie Law, on Cruiseway, and Charlotte Bathe, on Welton Optimist. Andrew Nicholson, the New Zealander lying second in the world rankings, and Matt Ryan, of Australia, the Olympic champion, head the overseas entry.

King is hoping to extend her formidable record on King Solomon. The eight-year-old gelding has competed in only two three-day events. He was second at le Lion d'Angers as a six-year-old, and won his second, at Compiègne, last year. "He's become a superb all-round horse," King said.

King is also determined to show the selectors that Star Appeal's fall at the first fence at Badminton was an untypical aberration — on her part. "I was on a very bad stride and rather than doing anything about it, I just sat there," she said.

With Karen Dixon sidelined after cracking her shoulder-blade last weekend, and Kristina Gifford out of Olympic contention, the selectors are hoping for a change of luck. The going, at least, is on their side. Michael Tucker, the course designer and a selector, reports the ground as "excellent" after recent rain.

Sport succumbs to grand design

BRYANT'S EYE

JULIAN HERBERT

Dressed to thrill: Pierce flirts with high fashion at the French Open

When an American distance runner named Lewis Bennett turned up to run a series of races in Britain 135 years ago, the promoters had a great idea. They would make him run in fancy dress.

When he stepped off the liner to race against the best that the Old World could offer, they were not at all sure if he was champion material, but they had spent a lot of money bringing him over and needed big crowds to recoup their investment.

So they made sure that when he appeared on the track he did so wearing feathers in his hair (he was part Seneca Indian from New York state). They wrapped him in a wolfskin blanket and put moccasins on his feet. They announced that he spoke no English, that he had done all his running on the hunting field, and that his name was Deerfoot.

Despite some very mixed performances, and many charges of race-fixing, the tour was a sell-out success. His backers got their money back many times over.

The cunning Victorian promoters, almost a century ahead of their time, had stumbled on one of the great truths of modern spectator sport: that there is a world of difference between a champion and a star — and that one of the simplest ways to hype the image of a star is to dress him or her up in a costume that will amuse, amaze or appal the punters.

How those Victorians would have grinned in admiration at the sight of the little black dress sported by Mary Pierce at the French Open tennis tournament last week. Cut low, square and sexy, the Pierce frock, a short black number with white stripes, was produced by Nike not so much as a tennis dress in which you might win, but as a leisure dress in which you are certain to star.

Pierce got knocked out to the accompaniment of catcalls rather than the wolf-whistles that had greeted her. That will not have worried the Nike marketing team. Great dress, shame about the tennis. The truth is that Pierce has won only one major tournament — the Australian Open in 1995 — but she looks sexy and has a famously abusive father. In an age when sport is increasingly a branch of the entertainment industry, she is great box-office material. She may not be a champion, but she is a star.

The division applies to men just as much as women, and is often signalled by dress. Pete Sampras is a champion, but Andre Agassi, with his ever-changing outfits, is a star. Greg Norman is not half the golfer that Nick Faldo is, but Norman, in those hats, is the bigger draw everywhere outside Britain. Paul Gascoigne's achievements are slight compared, for instance, with Ryan Giggs — but who is the bigger football star?

In the days before sport became an industry, dressing for games was quite a simple matter. The Victorians, who spent a lot of time making up rules in the years after Deerfoot, laid down strict dress codes. Sports clothing was functional and predominantly white: on the tennis court or cricket pitch anything else would have had you thrown out. If a Rip Van Winkle, having dozed through the past quarter-century, were to reappear in a modern sports clothing store, he would be amazed and dazzled by the ranges of cut and colour.

Tennis really fell to the peacock tendancy soon after big money came into the game when Wimbledon became open to professionals in 1968, though ever since the 1920s women had pushed at the boundaries of the dress code, with Suzanne Lenglen the first star to dare to cast off her corsets, wear skirts well above the ankle and sport a coloured bandeau in her hair.

In the years that followed there were plenty of delightful shocks on Centre Court, with the daring tennis knicker becoming an annual and popular feature ever since gorgeous Gussie Moran unleashd her frillies in the 1950s.

Cricket fell to coats of many colours in the late 1970s, when Kerry Packer's money horrified the traditionalists with floodlit night-time games, and athletics surrendered soon afterwards to an invasion of luridly coloured muscle-gripping lycra skinsuits that turned the likes of Florence Griffith Joyner into clotheshorses with spikes.

Sportswear, and its commercial spin-off, leisurewear, are now Olympic-size industries. Athletic clothing is routinely worn to supermarkets, offices, airports — even churches — and provides a seemingly obligatory uniform for tourists. These days, people dress for the pub or the car-boot sale in outfits that you would once have seen only in an Olympic village.

> 'Buy the right outfit and you too can be a star'

The manufacturers clothe the stars in ever more startling outfits and the public queue to buy. You might not be able to play like your heroes, but if you can afford it, you can at least dress like them. As a result, every gym and track in the land is overrun by expensively kitted-out poseurs who are deluded into thinking that sport is not about ability honed by hard work but about looking the part. The message is simple and, commercially, golden: buy the right outfit — the Mary Pierce frock, the Andre Agassi cap — and you too can be a star.

They used to say, before sport became a part of the entertainment industry, that "it's not the winning that matters, it's the taking part." For too many people today, the message is that "it's not the winning that matters, it's the dressing up". That, as they say, is showbusiness.

JOHN BRYANT

RUGBY UNION: BRITISH TOURING TEAMS ARE BEATEN AGAIN

Improved Scots fail to impose authority

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From Mark Souster
in Hamilton

SCOTLAND depart for Invercargill this morning rueing their second defeat in three games on an increasingly demanding tour of New Zealand; they know that, once again, they have only themselves to blame.

In many ways this was an infinitely improved performance by a Scottish side that scored four tries and created numerous opportunities, but their inability to close down games came back to haunt them as Waikato — who took their chances clinically — scored the winning try in the final minute. Unless Scotland quickly develop a more ruthless streak, the next fortnight, which includes the two internationals against New Zealand, will prove demoralising.

Four times against Waikato the Scots rediscovered some of their best form from the five nations' championship; four times they built a ten-point cushion, only to allow Waikato to claw their way back.

Rob Wainwright, the Scotland captain, was at a loss to explain how his side contrived to lose. "That was a game we should have tied up after 60 minutes. We have to take a lead from the All Blacks."

When Scotland clicked, however, they were mesmerising. Logan's try — set up by Townsend's subtlety — was an example: the stand-off half offered the ball three times before the wing timed his run beautifully to score.

SCORERS: Waikato: Tries: Cooper, Monkley, Walters, Warlow, Muir. Conversions: Cooper (4). Penalty goals: Cooper (2). Scotland XV: Tries: Townsend, Stark, Shepherd, Logan. Conversions: Shepherd (3). Penalty goals: Shepherd (3).

WAIKATO: B Reihana; J Walters, W Warlow, M Cooper, W Jennings; I Foster, R Duggan; C Stevenson, G Smith, M Driver, D Coleman, S Gordon (captain), T Hemi, D Coleman, D Monkley, D Muir. Jennings replaced by B Meinung (49min).

SCOTLAND XV: R Shepherd; C Joiner, S Hastings, I Jardine, D Stark; G Townsend, A Nicol; D Hilton, K McKenzie, B Stewart, R Wainwright (captain), D Weir, D Cronin, I Smith, E Peters. Stark replaced by K Logan (20); Cronin replaced by P Walton (40). Referee: C Hawke

Welsh restore pride despite second defeat

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Wales XV	20

By Our Sports Staff

WALES produced a much-improved performance to run New South Wales close at the Sydney Football Stadium yesterday. After their collapse against Australian Capital Territory in their previous game on Sunday, the Welsh produced a gutsy performance that went some way to restoring pride in the tour party.

They matched the home side try for try, but the boot of Tim Wallace, the stand-off, took NSW to a hard-fought victory.

The home side made the perfect start with Bond dashing over in the corner after nine minutes. Wales's only score in the first half came from an Arwel Thomas penalty goal, Wallace finding the target three times at the other end. He took NSW into a 17-3 lead early in the second half before Wales hauled themselves back with a stunning try by Nigel Davies. Thomas converted only for Ekert to dart over from a scrum.

Thomas then produced a pinpoint kick that Evans collected in full flight to go over. Thomas's conversion cut the deficit to seven points, Wallace and Thomas swapping further penalties in a frantic finish. Wales now move on to Brisbane and the first international against Australia on Saturday.

In Wales's defence, Kevin Bowring, the coach, pointed out that the match with ACT was the first meaningful game many of the team had played since March.

SCORERS: New South Wales: Tries: Bond, Ekert. Conversion: Wallace. Penalty goals: Wallace (5). Wales XV: Tries: Davies, Evans. Conversions: A Thomas (2). Penalty goals: A Thomas (2).

NEW SOUTH WALES: T Kelaher; G Bond, J Madz, R Tombs, M Millar; P Wallace, A Ekert; A Heath, M Bell, A Blades, W Ofahengaue, W Waugh, J Welborn, S Talbot, T Gavin (captain).

WALES XV: C Cormack; I Evans, G Thomas, N Davies, D James; A Thomas, A Moore; A Lewis, B Williams, L Mustoe, E Lewis, M Voyle, G Llewellyn (captain), G Jones, S Williams. Jones replaced by K Jones (60min), E Lewis replaced by A Gibbs (70), A Lewis replaced by C Loader (76).
Referee: B Leask.

WORD-WATCHING

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BYCOKET

(a) A kind of cap or head-dress (peaked before and behind). As a miltary head-dress, a casque. As an ornamental cap or head-dress, worn by men and women. From the Italian *bicocca* a little castle on a hill. "His bycoket or cap of state, embroidered with two crowns of gold, and ornamented with pearls.

ACARUS

(b) A genus of minute Arachnida, or spider-like animals, embracing the cheese-mite and congeners; a mite. From the Greek *ákari* a mite, from *akarēs* minute, too short for cutting. From *a* not + *kar-* aorist stem of *keirein* to cut. "The fowls have been exterminated by small-pox, and by the assaults of a little, blue acarus."

BESONIO

(b) A raw soldier; (as a term of contempt) a needy beggar, a base worthless fellow. From the Italian *bisogno* need or want, also a fresh, needy soldier. *Bisogni* new levied soldiers such as come needy to the war. Applied in derision to young soldiers who landed in Italy from Spain ill accoutred and in want of everything. "Base and pilfering besonios and marauders."

ATRABILARIOUS

(a) Atrabilious, melancholy; splenetic, acrimonious. Of or pertaining to black bile. From the Latin *ātra bīlis* black bile. A term anciently used for an imaginary fluid, supposed to be secreted by the renal or atrabiliary glands, and to be the cause of melancholy. "Kate Rowland was defending Mr Sinclair against an atrabilarious onslaught from Mr Vivian."

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RADIO CHOICE

In the chair and out of it

In St Augustine's Chair. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

So many newspaper column inches were taken up recently with what Dr Robert Runcie had to say about homosexuality to *The Times's* Anthony Howard, it was impossible to imagine that there was anything else noteworthy in that interview. Tonight, we hear the full conversation. Nothing in it is as controversial as his revelation that he had knowingly ordained practising homosexuals. Nevertheless, there is much meat left on the bones. Runcie mentions his doubts about whether he was a suitable tenant for Lambeth Palace. He confesses that he dragged his feet on the question of the ordination of women. He recalls his impressions of Magaret Thatcher, at their first meeting, and says that when they subsequently spoke at the same banquet, he always regarded his ten minutes as the meringue to her 30-minute roast beef.

White Skin, Black Masks. *Radio 5 Live, 11.35am.*

This is a rare platform for gypsies. We hear gypsy songs and poems and snatches of philosophy such as "We've got everything going for us if only we could be left alone". It is a huge "if". The 1994 Criminal Justice Act has made it easier for councils to evict gypsies from roadside sites. And, never silent for long, is the snarling voice of the bigot. Metaphorically speaking, he elbows his way on to the gypsy platform this morning to demand that "the parasites should all be put on a bloody island and blown up". **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Soundbite, with Danny Kelly **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00am** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Anne Robinson **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Jasper Carrott Trial **7.30** David Allan **9.00** Paul Jones **9.45** Gospel Train **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme incl **6.55**, **7.55** Racing preview **8.35** The Magazine incl **11.35** White Skin, Black Masks. See Choice **12.00** Midday with Mair incl Moneycheck with Katie Derham **2.05** Ruscoe on Five incl at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** Nationwide, incl **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra with Valerie Sanderson, incl at **7.20** Sport **7.35** David Gower's Cricket Weekly David Gower and his guests round up the week's events **9.05** SportsAmerica, with Alton Byrd **9.35** American Graffiti, with Jonathan Freedland **10.05** News Talk, with Paul Reynolds **11.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **12.05am** After Hours — Early Call **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News in German **9.15** Composer of the Month **9.45** Health Matters **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Sports International **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** News **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Assignment **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack: X Press **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business Report **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Take Five **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Assignment **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian (Books) **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Going South **12.30** Blues World **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Good Books **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Thirty-Minute Drama **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Margaret Howard **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Travel Guide **8.00** Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Bach (Orchestral Suite No 2 in B minor, BWV 1067); Chopin (Nocturne in B, Op 62 No 1); Purcell (Fly, bold rebellion, Z324); Sibelius (Finlandia); Mozart (Coronation Mass, K317)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Handel (Cantata: Tu fedel? Tu costante?); Liszt (Hamlet); Gounod (Romeo and Juliet, Act 4 excerpt); Strauss (Horn Concerto No 2 in E flat)
10.00 Musical Encounters (Music Live on Tour). Joining Nicola Heywood Thomas in Wrexham are the trio A Man, a Woman and a Double Bass. *Artist of the Week*: Geraint Evans, baritone, Mozart (Aprite un po' quegli occhi, Figaro); Goltermann (Souvenir de Bellini); Grace Williams (Rhosyn Duw) **10.50** Debussy (Iberia); Rossini (Duetto). Mathias (Elegy for a Prince)
12.00 Composers of the Week: Böhm, Bruhns and Buxtehude
1.00pm Parfums de l'Orient. A new series of three programmes in which Richard Langham explores the history of orientalism in French opera
2.00 Schools Radio Showcase **2.05** In the News **2.25** Something to Think About **2.40** Music Workshop
3.00 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk. With Penelope Walmesly-Clark, soprano Debussy, orch Busser (Suite: Printemps); Dalby (Cantata: John Clare's Vision). Beethoven (Symphony No 2)
4.25 Moeran. Prelude for Cello and piano; Ballade for piano (Stalham River); Sonata for cello and piano. Raphael Wallfisch, cello, John York, piano (r)
5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson
5.15 In Tune (Music Live on Tour). Live from the Hayes in Cardiff with Ensemble Bash, Emma Johnson, clarinet, Jaime Martin, flute, Rachel Gough, bassoon, and Richard Watkins, horn.
7.30 BBC National Orchestra of Wales (Music Live on Tour). Live from St David's Hall in Cardiff. With Peter Donohoe, piano, Dong-Suk Kang, violin, under Sian Edwards. Bernstein (Overture: Candide); Gershwin (Piano Concerto in F) **8.10** Rubber Soul. Malcolm Parry visits the Semtex rubber factory in Gwent **8.30** Concert Part 2. Hoddinott (Violin Concerto, Le Mistral); Gershwin (An American in Paris)
9.35 Degas: His Ideas and His Art (4/5)
9.25 Flavours of Eden. Grapes (4/5)
10.00 Music Restored. The Clerks' Group, directed by Edward Wickham. Music by Ockeghem, Brumel, Pierre de la Rue and others (3/4)
10.45 Night Waves, with Christopher Cook
11.30 Composer of the Week: Richard Rodney Bennett (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Alyn Shipton
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **3.30** Mozart (Piano Concerto No 21 in C, K467)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (**LW** only) **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25**, **8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts (r)
9.30 The Road to Repair. A new four-part series about the treatment of problem children. Presented by Jenny Cuffe
10.00 News; Firefly Summer (FM only). Maeve Binchy's novel dramatised by Jane Cassidy. With David Soul, Anna Healy, Lorcan Cranitch, Susan Slot and Dan Gordon (1/6)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.00 Test Match Special: England v India (LW only) Coverage of the First Cornhill Test from Edgbaston. With commentary from Jonathan Agnew, Henry Blofeld and Christopher Martin-Jenkins
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent (FM only).
12.00 News; You and Yours (FM only)
12.25pm Inspiration (FM only) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, With Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (FM only).
1.40 Test Match Special: England v India (LW only) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Soup (FM only), by Michael Mears
2.00 Test Match Special: England v India (LW only). Continued coverage
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift (FM only)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM only)
4.45 Short Story; Running with the Wolves (FM only). A comic story by Madeleine Cary
5.00 PM (**FM** only) **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55 Weather**
5.55 Test Match Special: England v India (LW only) Continued coverage
6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM only).
6.30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? The return of the comedy drama series by Paul Shearer and Richard Turner, starring Douglas Hodge, Amanda Root and Paul Bigley
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 In St Augustine's Chair. See Choice
8.00 Analysis. In the wake of the recent local government elections Andrew Dilnot asks whether we need local authorities at all
8.45 From Their Own Correspondent (3/6)
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? With Frederick Dove
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59 Weather**
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Bookshop (9/10)
11.00 Julie Enfield Investigates the Net and the Canal. The final part of Nick Fisher's series featuring Imelda Staunton as DSI Julie Enfield
11.30 Ad Lib (FM only) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather
12.30 The Late Book; The Last Girl (5/6) **12.48** Shipping **1.00 As World Service**

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Raising an obelisk but lowering the tone

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Remember Roger Hopkins? No? I'll remind you. Roger Hopkins is the American stonemason who, in last week's **Secret of Lost Empires** (BBC2), had the granite-faced gall, the flint-axed effrontery to come over here *and tell us* how to build Stonehenge.

Tact is not exactly this man's middle name. As he stalked about the *reconstruction site muttering* "remind me to get you the Boy Scout manual" or "hope you've built a *decent* A-frame", you just longed for his Wiltshire hosts to cast aside 3,500 years of good breeding and reply: "Yeah and you can just kiss my heelstone."

Last night he was back, unscheduled *and wisely* unannounced. The series had moved on to Egypt but Hopkins was there, still eager *to show that* when it came to erecting giant obelisks... well, who do you think wrote the Boy Scout manual? King Tut?

This, however, was nemesis time. At the end of a wickedly enjoyable 50 minutes we had learnt one thing about construction in ancient Egypt — *erecting* obelisks must have been a very bad-tempered business. If Hopkins turned out to be the *reincarnation* of a slave-driving pyramid foreman... I wouldn't be at all surprised. "Cheops, *schmeops, it* was me that got the thing built."

Obelisks — praise be to Ra — turned out to be *quite another* matter. Yet it had all started out so promisingly, with Hopkins and his conscripted chain gang bouncing stone balls onto granite slabs to show how the ancient Egyptians might have carved 400-tonne obelisks from the surrounding rocks. His rate of progress suggested that the ancient Egyptians would have been positively post-modern by the time they had finished. "Don't you think..?" began one of his American colleagues. "Naw, these guys know where they are going." *Those inter-personal skills* were coming on a treat.

He was even ruder when it came *to the way obelisks were loaded* onto barges. A pleasant female academic advanced a carefully *researched theory that the barges* could have been earthed up during loading. Hopkins's lips curled to *their practised position*: "Do they ever load a boat in dry dock? Never. I rest my case." Through *gritted teeth, she just* about managed a smile: "Well Roger, we'll just have to see what your method *is.*" *Roger's method sank.*

That rather marked a turning *point for poor old Rog.* Not only had the ancient world turned against him, but so had his fellow *academics. Someone called* Martin chose to meet fire with fire. If there was one thing he despised more than the modern Egyptian workers messing up his obelisk techniques, it was Roger Hopkins. *Martin's favourite* words were "ridiculous" and "crazy", both of which he applied to Hopkins's pat'-pending sandpit method of erection. To say Hopkins bridled is to understate a truly sublime *television moment. "Ridiculous?"* I assume there was then an exchange of blows off camera which Martin won. "Sorry Roger, nothing personal." Even the mild-mannered Mark, he of the Indiana Jones titfer, couldn't resist hitting a man when his obelisk was down: "This might be a bad time to ask, Roger, but..." It was.

In the end nobody managed to get even a 40-tonne obelisk upright. Ali, the local expert, failed, despite his huge band of cheering, clapping helpers. Roger failed, because his A-frame (beautifully constructed, of course) left the pulling ropes too high. Only Martin, the king of the turning groove, could claim any sort of success, but only with a baby obelisk of barely two tonnes. "Bah," said our man: "I put up stones that size myself." Next week ancient Rome: my money's on Roger building it in a day.

You could see why **Tales from the Wasteland** (Channel 4) had got them so agitated down at Conservative Central Office. Sombre music, *grim images and an anonymous voice-over describing Britain* as "... a clapped-out, post-imperial, post-industrial slag heap" — if the producers had set out to win the commission for the next Labour Party political broadcast, they could not have done a better job.

But if you could ignore the propaganda-style readings (short, sharp and reasonably far apart) the producers had also done a good job of delivering some compelling television. Four families trapped in what another reading had labelled "the benefits wasteland" had been followed by the cameras for six months. These were their miserable stories.

Comparing levels of misery is a futile game, but in television terms perhaps the strongest story concerned a couple from Hartlepool. Liz earned £80 a week, Jimmy had arthritis and couldn't get work, their teenage son was mentally *handicapped and — worst of all —* they were addicted to credit. When Liz got a new and better-paid job, the first thing they did was buy a new washing machine.

Soon after, inevitably, she was made redundant. A sympathetic adviser estimated their total debts at £17,000. Bankruptcy, he said, was always a last resort: "But in this case, it has to be an option." Unfortunately, he would not be around to find out — the advice centre was closed because of a rather larger financial crisis elsewhere.

To lift our spirits and to replace the hole left by *ER*, Channel 4 then gave us **American Gothic**. At some point, someone will decide that we have had enough "weird stuff", but not yet awhile. Twanging slide guitar, evil abroad in Smalltown, USA — we've been here before, several times. It is well-made but I think it could be a while before "someone's at the *door*" *replaces "damn fine cherry pie"* in the national consciousness.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (14490)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (45761)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (2688693)
9.20 Morning Surgery (s) (1352896)
9.50 Fighting Back: Gary Mabbutt. Tottenham and England footballer Gary Mabbutt talks about *coping with diabetes* (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1561322)
10.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (1486506)
10.45 News (Ceefax) (3879235)
10.55 Cricket — First Test: England v India. From Edgbaston (77981273)
1.00pm One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (55148)
1.30 Regional News and weather (39121235)
1.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (35122780)
1.55 Cricket — *First Test*: England v India (85276371)
3.50 Peter Pan and the Pirates (r) (1302544) **4.10 The Wizard of Oz** (Ceefax) (1795070) **4.35 Mud** (r) (5388983) **5.00 Newsround** (2309411) **5.10 The Biz** (r) (1289506)
5.35 Neighbours (861254)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) (341)
6.30 Regional news magazines (693)
7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (s) (6167)
7.30 EastEnders. It's Tony's birthday and there's a surprise in store for Ted at the party (Ceefax) (s) (877)
8.00 Animal Hospital: On the Hoof. Rolf Harris and the team visit Whipsnade Wild Animal Park (Ceefax) (s) (5815)
8.30 Airport. (6/6) Photographer Dennis Stone waits for Michael Jackson. The *Royal Suite is being prepared for the* Sultan of Brunei. Cabin crew trainees find out whether they have passed muster, and, as Jean-Marie discovers, everybody seems to have lost something (Ceefax) (4322)
9.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (5032)
9.30 One Foot in the Grave. Margaret tries to get her husband to cope with early *retirement by getting him a book called Coping with Old Age* (r) (53693)
10.00 QED: You Only Live Once (Ceefax) (s) (46815) **N.I.: 10.00** Spotlight 10.30 QED **11.00** Question Times **12.00** Cricket — First Test **12.40** Weather
10.30 Question Time. David Dimbleby chairs a political debate. Tonight's guests are Ian Lang, MP, President of the Board of Trade; Glenda Jackson, MP; Sir Bernard Ingham, former Downing Street press officer; and the writer/comedian Jo Brand (76029) **WALES: 10.30** The Slate (22235) **11.00** Question Time (65525) **12.00** Cricket — First Test: England v India (2486649) **12.40am** Film: Hawks (480197) **2.25** Weather (1979007)
11.30 Cricket — First Test: England v India. Highlights from Edgbaston (209439)
12.10 FILM: Hawks (1988) with Timothy Dalton, Anthony Edwards, Janet McTeer, Camille Coduri, Julie T. Wallace and Connie Booth. Two terminally ill men *hijack an ambulance and take off for one* last adventure: a trip to the brothels of Amsterdam. Directed by Robert Ellis Miller (Ceefax) (s) (137939)
1.55am Weather (1078007)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Ancient Athens (6829983) **6.25** The Founding of the Royal Society (6808490) **6.50** Engineering Mechanics (3302544)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News *(3045099)*
7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (1356964) **7.55 Blue Peter** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7774877) **8.25 Penny Crayon** (7369001) **8.30 Philbert the Frog** (6452693)
8.40 The Record (9326821) **9.05 The Limit** (8429322) **9.45 Writing and Pictures** (Ceefax) (s) (9022877) **10.00 Playdays** (r) (s) (2136273) **10.25 Storytime** (s) (5760457) **10.40 Jeunes Francophones** *(s) (8742273)*
11.05 Space Ark (s) (4125964) **11.15 Landmarks Extra** (s) (4727728) **11.35 Landmarks** (Ceefax) (s) (2625896)
12.00 Teaching Today (s) (43728) **12.30pm Working Lunch** (71099) **1.00 Lifeschool** (59131235) **1.25 Human Rights, Human Wrongs** (31503167) **1.45 Numbertime** (72067070) **2.00 Penny Crayon** (s) (73061877)
2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (8608273)
3.00 News (Ceefax), weather (4939235) **3.05 Westminster with Nick Ross** (4249728) ***3.55 News*** *(Ceefax), weather (2123214)*
4.00 Cricket: England v India (s) (683070)
6.30 Top Gear: Ferrari — The Italian Legend. Jeremy Clarkson extols the virtues of the Ferrari (r) (s) **WALES: 6.30** More Rhodes around Britain (r) (235)
7.00 CHOICE ***Crossing the River.*** The story of the second Severn Bridge (4709)
7.30 Out and About (419) **N.I.: 7.30-8.00** Ar Theacht an tSamhraid; **WALES: 7.30-8.00** Homeland
8.00 Rick Stein's Taste of the Sea. Rick *Stein shares the secrets of the fish* recipes that have made him one of the country's top seafood chefs (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3457)
8.30 One Foot in the Past. With Wormwood Scrubs to be listed, Kirsty Wark reveals the hidden world of the Victorian prison; *and Dame Thora Hird dances the night* away at the Great Midland Hotel (s) (2964)
9.00 The Travel Show. Simon Calder reports from the "spice island", Zanzibar, and hits the spice trail before travelling to the island's east coast (s) (6902)

Milosevic and Holbrooke (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **Death of Yugoslavia: Pax Americana** (388631)
10.20 From Dusk Till Dawn. Robert Rodriguez *gives an exclusive, high energy, masterclass* in how to make a first film for virtually nothing (s) (514341)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (935983)
11.15 Gaytime TV. The series includes gay-*themed holidays, stories from around the* world and celebrity guests (Ceefax) (s) (527148)
12.00 The Midnight Hour (s) (35858)
12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

Crossing the River
BBC2, 7.00pm

The new Severn bridge, opened yesterday by *the Prince of Wales, is notable on two counts.* It was built by private enterprise and at 3½ miles it is the longest bridge in the country. This celebratory film glosses over the politics of the enterprise, beyond mentioning that the Anglo-French consortium which built the bridge has 30 years to get its money back. No *wonder the tolls are so hefty. The effect on* the natural environment is said to be negligible, though people living near by have suffered much from the noise and dirt. As a civil engineering feat, however, the bridge excites unqualified admiration. With the help of excellent graphics we can appreciate both *the magnitude of the challenge and the* ingenuity of the solutions. It even looks good, slim and graceful. Curiously, we never discover who designed the bridge.

Postcards From the Edge
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Nick Danziger is a film-maker of individual style who is probably best-known for updating George Orwell's experiences as a down and out in Paris and London. His new series is also about poverty, comprising short vignettes from six areas of Britain delivered in an unusual but highly effective mixture of film and black and white stills. Danziger himself is a prominent, always sympathetic, presence. His first call is to Glasgow where *two friends, Mary and Aggie, agonise over* the drug culture which has enveloped their children and is threatening their grandchildren. Then it is off to Halifax for a portrait of 26-year-old Anthony, trying to make contact with the parents who mysteriously abandoned him as a small *child. Danziger is penetrating without being* prurient and he never tries to judge.

The Death of Yugoslavia: Pax Americana
BBC2, 9.30pm

The story of the Balkan tragedy was first told in a five-part series last year. The project was widely acclaimed and deservedly showered with awards. Now comes episode six, relating how the Americans, who had for so long dithered on *the fringes of the* Bosnian horror, finally intervened and brokered the peace. As before, the meat of the programme comprises interviews with the leading participants. This is history from the mouths of those who made it. The raw material has been shaped and edited to give not only a coherent narrative but an illuminating one, no mean achievement with so complex a subject. As the film shows, in the end realpolitik was brought to bear on an intractable problem. Having denounced ethnic cleansing, the Americans had to swallow something very like it.

QED: You Only Live Once
BBC1, 10.00pm

Miller Quarles is a Texan oil millionaire who wants to live for ever and is prepared to pay what it takes to discover the secret. But he is 81 and unless somebody comes up with *the antidote to ageing soon, he will be forced* to succumb to conventional mortality. In Northamptonshire, meanwhile, Danny suffers from a rare disease, progeria, which has aged him well before his time. Only 22, and lucky to have lived that long, he looks like a frail and wizened old man. Although *they are thematically linked, the two stories* sit uncomfortably together. Having had a good life, enjoying exceptional health and abundant wealth, Quarles seems merely greedy. A cure for progeria, which might give hope to the Dannys of this world, seems a worthier aim than enabling rich old men to *outstay their welcome.* **Peter Waymark**

HTV

6.00am GMTV (7178341)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (Teletext) (s) (1346235) **9.55 Regional News** (Teletext) (2113322)
10.00 The Time ... the Place (s) (9062902)
10.35 This Morning (77383761)
12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7504490)
12.30 News (4216099)
12.55 Shortland Street (s) (4284490) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (7783457) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (44864803)
2.25 FILM: Babycakes (1989) with Ricki Lake *and Craig Sheffer. Concluding the* romantic comedy directed by Paul Schneider (8681506)
3.20 News (4946525) **3.25 Regional News** (4945896)
3.30 The Riddlers (r) (6211341) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (3672780) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (s) (5485439) **3.55 Rupert** (s) (1387235)
4.20 NEW **Blazing Dragons: The *Quest for the Holy Grail*** *(s)* (1786322)
4.45 Crazy Cottage (Teletext) (s) (5379235)
5.10 A Country Practice *(s) (3301341)*
5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (387877)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) *(867099)*
6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (171982)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (1235)
7.30 3-D. Focus on Birmingham's team of pest controllers as they gear up for a summer battle against the rising tide of *bugs and such invading homes (s) (273)*
8.00 The Bill. The Samaritan in Boyden draws him into a world of young offenders (Teletext) (4493)

Trouble for Colin Firth (8.30pm)

8.30 *The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Master of the Moor.* Episode one of a three-part murder mystery starring Colin Firth (r) (s) (90815)
9.30 S.A.S. — the Soldiers' Story. Oman — Battle of the Mirbat. A bloody encounter saw nine SAS men defeat an attack by 400 Arab rebels (Teletext) (s) *(48761)*
10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (31983)
10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (150815)
10.40 West Eye View Special. James Garrett reports on a year-long investigation into a hidden child abuse scandal (135896)
11.40 Hunter: *A Child Is Born. McCall fights* for an unborn baby's right to life after its mother is shot (268983)
12.35am Carnal Knowledge (9390378)
1.35 Not Fade Away (s) (7665804)
2.35 Shift (6148649)
3.35 Late & Loud *(r) (s) (7744587)*
4.30 The Time ... the Place (60129)
5.00 Garden Calendar (r) (32804)
5.30 Morning News (50113)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:
6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (171982)
7.30-8.00 Knowing My Place (273)
10.40-11.10 Welsh & Wealthy *(957254)*
11.10 Hunter (207411)
12.05am 3-D (4200007)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.25pm-12.30 My Story (7529709)
12.55 Emmerdale (4284490)
1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (59136780)
1.55 Home and Away (32473885)
2.25 Entertainment Today (41614380)
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (9781815)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3301341)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (76544)
10.30 Westcountry News (141167)
10.45 Top Guns (936506)
11.15 Millionaires (186029)
11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H *(791896)*

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away (4284490)
1.25 Cross Wits (59136780)
1.55 A Country Practice (35128964)
2.20 Entertainment Today (36769439)
2.50-3.20 High Road (8522457)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3301341)
6.25 Central News and Weather (835490)
6.55-7.00 Life Line *(605506)*
10.40 London Bridge (957254)
11.10 Crime Stalker (737438)
12.10am Revelations *(4209378)*
12.40 Carnal Knowledge (9399649)
1.40 Not Fade Away (8083945)
3.35 Customs Classified (7808674)
4.20 Jobfinder (3396179)
5.20 Asian Eye (8728523)

MERIDIAN

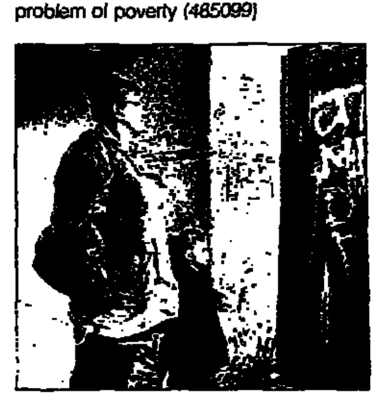
As HTV West except:
12.55pm Emmerdale (4284490)
1.25 Home and Away (59136780)
1.55 Shortland Street *(35128964)*
2.20 Entertainment Today (36769439)
2.50-3.20 Surprise Chefs (8522457)
5.10 Home and Away (3301341)
5.37-5.40 Three Minutes (562032)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (709)
6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (761)
10.40 Film: The Anderson Tapes (88887166)
12.35am Phoenix (9390378)
5.00 Freescreen (32804)

S4C

Starts: 6.35 The Adventures of T-Rex (84119983) **9.00 The Golden Girls** (177254) **12.00 House to Hosue** (38896) **12.30pm Hullaballoo** (66167) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (71186) **1.30 Terrytoons** (72073631) **1.40 Film: Rembrandt** (77549419) **3.15 Ricki Lake** (6119438) **4.00 Backdate** (902) **4.30 Fair Game** (186) **5.00 5 Pump Uned** (2341) **5.30 Fifteen to One** (773379) **6.15 Heno** (741438) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (145709) **7.25 Talwrn Y Beirdd** (303612) **8.00 Y Felin Bop** (6877) **9.00 Pris Y Farchnad** (9341) **10.00 Film: Reversal of Fortune** (1990) starring Jeremy Irons in an Oscar-winning role as Claus von Bulow, who was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment for the attempted murder of his wife (Glenn Close) (61854186) **12.05am Tales from the Wasteland** (933264)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am The Adventures of T-Rex (r) (3383419)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (78099)
9.00 The Golden Girls (r) (Teletext) (s) (18032)
9.30 Schools: Equinox Plus (6372273) **10.25 Geographical Eye** (5746877) **10.45 The Mix** (4909902) **11.00 The Jacobites** (4717341) **11.20 Off the Walls** (9615506) **11.40 The French Programme** (6633709)
12.00 House to House(38896)
12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (40322) **1.30 Hullaballoo.** Followed by **Alfie Atkins** (r) (15823506)
1.55 Australian History (35126506)
2.20 FILM: Sea Wolf (1941, b/w) starring Edward G. Robinson and Ida Lupino. Directed by Michael Curtiz. Drama about a sinister captain who rescues a couple after their ferryboat sinks. (734099) Followed by **Broke!**
4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (902) **4.30 Fifteen to One** (Teletext) (s) (186) **5.00 Ricki Lake** (7086896) **5.45 Terrytoons** (651964)
6.00 NBA 24/7. American basketball (821)
6.30 Roseanne (r) (Teletext) (s) (631)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (427631)
7.50 Broke! A series of adverts addressing the problem of poverty *(485099)*



A view of British poverty (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Broke!: Postcards from the Edge** (Teletext) (6525)
8.30 Home to Roost. Comedy with John *Thaw as a divorced father who reluctantly* has his wastrel son (Reece Dinsdale) living with him (r) (Teletext) (s) (7032)
9.00 Broke!: Tales from the Wasteland. A focus on four young people who are fighting for an education, employment or a place to live (Teletext) (s) (9341)
10.00 NYPD Blue. *What seems to be a routine* murder inquiry in a local bar becomes personal when the squad realise the victim was someone close to all their hearts (Teletext) (s) *(966693)*
10.55 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (r) (Teletext) (s) (739896)
11.30 FILM: Track 29 (1988) starring Theresa Russell and Gary Oldman. A Dennis Potter-scripted surreal black comedy about a sexually frustrated North Carolina *housewife who becomes bizarrely* involved with a young stranger who may or may not be her son. Directed by Nicolas Roeg. (Teletext) (s) (443983)
1.10 FILM:The Hatchet Man (1932, b/w) starring Edward G. Robinson. A drama about a powerful member of the Chinese *community in San Francisco who* becomes involved in a series of vicious Tong wars. Directed by William A. Wellman (3706026)
2.30am Trial by Fire. *An examination of the* growth in religious fundamentalism in India, particularly among militant Hindus. (3216026) Ends at **3.40**

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (98877) **9.00** Press Your Luck (5723083) **9.20** Love Connection (1001148) **9.45** *Oprah Winfrey (6727032)* **10.40** Jeopardy! (1647235) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (4255457) **12.00** Sightings (21902) **12.30pm** Murphy Brown (19273) **1.00** Hotel *(14728)* **2.00** Geraldo (85815) **3.00** Court TV (1542) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (5248544) **4.15** Undun (6621254) **5.00** Quantum Leap (1254) **6.00** The Simpsons (8273) **6.30** *Jeopardy! (9525)* **7.00** LAPD (2982) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5709) **8.00** Through the Keyhole (1631) **8.30** Animal Practice (7438) **9.00** The Commish (31419) **10.00** Quantum Leap (34506) **11.00** Highlander (23411) **12.00** Late Show (2575113) **12.45am** Civil Wars (6447674) 11.30 Anything But Love (99200) **2.00** Hit Mix

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
9.30am Beyond 2000 (57235) **10.30** ABC Nightline (65364) **1.30pm** *CBS News* (31709) **2.30** Parliament Live (3715964) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (72167) **7.30** Sportsline (18761) **8.30** Reuters Reports (391761) **11.30** CBS News (94411) **12.30am** ABC World News (42002) **1.30** Tonight Replay (24755) **2.30** Reuters Reports (46552) **3.30** Parliament Replay (58397) **4.30** CBS News (33804) ***5.30*** *ABC* World News (92113)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Ivanhoe (1952) (56146) **8.00 Against the Wind (1949)** (76167) **10.00 Cult Rescue (1994)** (50781) **12.00 Table for Five (1983)** (59490) **2.00pm Shock Treatment (1981)** (58186) **4.00 The Prince of Central Park (1977)** (6186) **6.00 Cult Rescue (1994)** (29466815) **7.40 US Top Ten (1994)** (219983) **8.00 Trial by Jury (1994)** (40167) **10.00 Surviving the Game (1994)** (418377) **11.45 Mother's Boys (1993)** (374362) **1.25am Sin Compassion (1994)** (522358) **3.25-5.59 Windows (1980)** (54566549)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Blue Skies (1946) (70032) **2.00pm The Man with the Gun (1955)** (30728) **4.00 A Night at the Opera (1935)** (8729) **6.00 Pat and Mike (1952)** (10964) **8.00 The River (1984)** (22709) **10.00 A *Nightmare on Elm Street* (1984)** (413457) **11.35 Bright Lights, Big City (1988)** (888032) **1.25-3.05am The Enemy Below (1957)** (347200)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Kidnapped (83544) **7.00 The Last of the Mohicans** (80032) **8.00 Perils of Problemina (1985)** (74709) **10.00 Touch of Truth (1994)** (11631) **12.00 The Pride and the Passion (1957)** (78307902) **2.15pm Major League II (1994)** (117273) **4.00 Perils of Problemina (1985)** (4728) **6.00 My Brother's Keeper (1994)** (36964) **8.00 Major League II (1994)** (62062964) **9.45 The Movie Show (1994)** (631964) **10.15 Striking Distance (1993)** (952896) **12.00 Masseuse (1995)** (656129) **1.35am Second Best (1994)** (525026) **3.25-5.59 Slaughter of the Innocents (1993)**

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Quack Attack (20115780) **6.30** Ducktales (43002709) **7.00** Quack Attack (62500631) **7.30** Chip 'n' Dale (62596438) **8.00** Darkwing Duck (93854709) **8.30** *Wonderland* (93846780) **9.00** Lamb Chop (93837032) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (42537438) **10.00** Muppet Babies (43086761) **10.30** Pooh Corner (93866544) **11.00** Under the *Umbrella Tree* (23418032) **11.30** Dumbo's Circus (23419761) **12.00** Disney (42510761) **1.00pm** FILM Johnny Shiloh (24276728) **2.35** Under the Umbrella Tree (30486380) **3.00** Ducktales (26205099) **3.30** Quack Attack (65422099) **4.00** Chip 'n' Dale (65401506) **4.30** Darkwing Duck (65490490) **5.00** Gargoyles (26200544) ***5.30*** *Danger Bay* (65414070) **6.00** Tarzan (65411983) **6.30** Dinosaurs (65402235) **7.00** The Torkelsons (26280780) **7.30** Tall Tales and Legends (71104254) **8.30** Michael *Caine* (18689964) **9.30-10.00** Dinosaurs (42511480)

EUROSPORT

7.30am *Athletics* (17544) **9.00** Rythmic Gymnastics (54544) **10.00** Karting (48896) **11.00** Motorcycling Magazine (47506) **11.30** Formula 1 (48235) **12.00** Eurofun (51896) **12.30pm** Mountainbike (89167) **1.00** Live Tennis (1349952) **6.00** Boxing (97186) **7.00** Live Athletics (692254) **9.30** Tennis (64877) **10.30** Tennis (61273) **11.00** Sailing (62815) **11.30** Formula 1 (11254) **12.00-12.30am** Motorcycling Magazine

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Inside the PGA Tour (45709) **7.30** Wrestling Superstars (15952) **8.30** Racing News (55612) **9.00** TT Races (36148) **10.00** France v Wales: Super League European Championship (70419) **12.00** Aerobics (66728) **12.30pm** *Futbol Mundial* (94099) **1.00** Over 35's Soccer Tournament (82254) **2.00** Inside the PGA Tour (4983) **2.30** PGA European Golf English Open (822167) **5.30** Wrestling (39964) **6.30** Sports Centre (517877) **6.35** Formula Three Racing (622148) **7.00** The Winning Post, Perth and Chester (20273) **8.30** International Cricket: England v India (48612) **10.00** Sports Centre (279831) **10.15** Boots 'n' All (675693) **11.15** Futbol Mundial (272235) **11.45** Watersports World (670148) **12.45am** NASCAR Supertrucks (698358) **1.45-2.45** Boots 'n' All (514842)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00pm US Seniors Golf Memorial Classic (7159780) **9.00** Ford Scorpio Golf USA: Buick Classic (8106780) **11.00** PGA European Golf Murphy's English Open (2282148) **12.30-1.00am** Formula Three Racing (9243610)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am *Thought for the Day* ***4.05*** *Worship* **4.15** Kids TV **4.30** Carman Times Two **5.00** Voice of Victory with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland **5.30** Christian Music **5.45** This Is Your Day with *Benny Hinn* ***6.15*** *TEA* **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

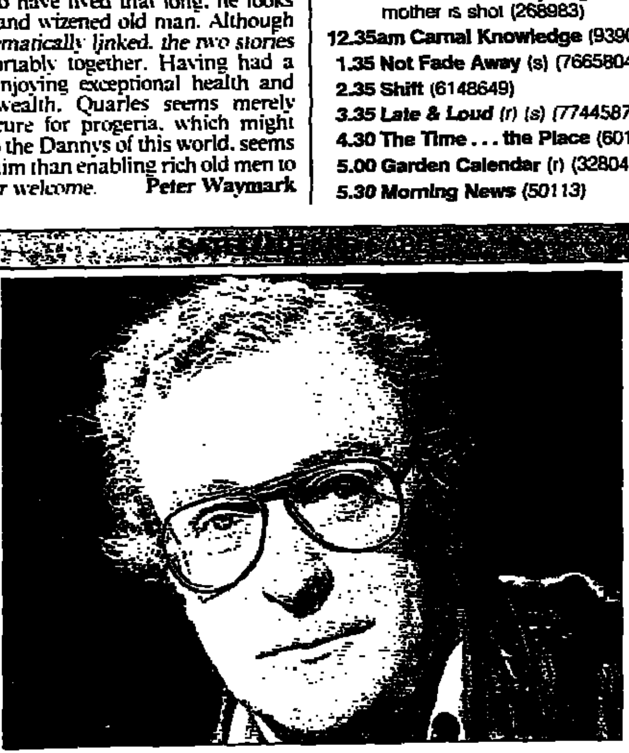
7.00am Guiding Light (4612983) **7.55** As the World Turns (1510761) **8.50** Peyton Place (2618983) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (7370896) **10.10-11.00** Another World (5632186)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am *Globetrotter* (4939836) **11.30** Great Sports Vacations (4930525) **12.00** The Shorley Peninsula (4819896) **12.30pm** Pierre Franey (3962322) **1.00** Getaway (7178815) **1.30** On Top of the World (3981693) **2.00** Ben Cropp (1757985) **3.00** Globetrotter (4151902) **3.30** Around the World (9392506) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Our Century (4920148) **5.00** Memories of 1974 (4142254) **6.00-7.00** *Biography (3970341)*



Michael Caine, Entertainment Special (Disney Channel, 8.30pm)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

1.00am Six Million Dollar Man (2195668) **2.00-4.00** FILM: Stowaway to the Moon

TLC

9.00am Painting (6347490) **9.30** *Grow Your* Greens (1381322) **10.00** Dogs with Dunbar (2697896) **10.30** This Old House (6376902) **11.00** Homemaker (8005148) **11.30** Room Service (8006877) **12.00** Julia Child (6367254) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (1392438) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (5619419) **1.30** Furniture to Go (1391709) **2.00** Our House (7339506) **2.30** The Garden Show (6237186) **3.00** It's a Vet's Life (7341341) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (6232631)

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (5612506) **7.30** Neighbours (5504341) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (6366525) **8.30** EastEnders (5365696) **9.00** The Bill (6356148) **9.30** The Sullivans (1355790) **10.00** All Creatures Great and Small (5620525) **11.00** Bullseye (8007506) **11.30** Crossroads (7210438) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (4558148) **12.30** Neighbours (1324936) **1.00** EastEnders (5311032) **1.35** [illegible] **2.15** Brush Strokes (5362524) **2.50** Butterflies (1517902) **3.30** The Bill (6201761) **4.00** Casualty (8021186) **5.00** Every Second Counts (5772032) **5.45** 'Allo 'Allo! (3295235) **6.25** EastEnders (1850815) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9145032) **8.00** Bullseye (7351728) **8.30** Home James (7330235) **9.00** Miss Marple: The Moving Finger (9174544) **10.00** The Bill (4798051) **10.35** Bottom (7496693) **11.10** The Sweeney (9209032) **12.15am** Classic Sport (7002910) **1.15** Public Eye (6786194) **2.05-3.00** Shopping (2714804)

TCC

6.00am *Swan's Crossing* ***6.30*** *The Girl from* Tomorrow (72490) **7.00** Ready or Not (11877) **7.30** California Dreams (23612) **8.00** Byker Grove (90709) **8.30** Degrassi Junior ***9.00*** *Iznogoud (73032)* ***9.30*** Bobby's World **10.00** Battletech (96070) **10.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs **11.00** Stunt Dawgs **11.30** Baby Follies (97525) **12.00** *Barney and Friends (93896)* ***12.30pm*** *Tiny* and Crew (949273) **3.00** Iznogoud **3.30** Pink Panther (7761) **4.00** California Dreams (6896) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove (5780)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Dungeons **6.30** Galaxy High **7.00** Mr Men (4230083) **7.15** Rocko **7.30** Rugrats **8.00** Doug **8.30** Real Monsters (53254) **9.00** Biker Mice **9.30** Pet Shop **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas **10.10** Babar **10.35** *Jimbo and the Jetset* **10.40** Skylark (2968631) **10.45** Bananas **11.00** Children's BBC (31506) **12.00** Magic Bus (8762709) **12.25pm** Mr Men (7763877) **12.30** Grimmy (85341) **1.00** Denver Dinosaur (43324235) **1.25** Mr Men (29603148) **1.30** Rude Dog (84612) **2.00** Pet Shop (2525) **2.30** Children's BBC (17362) **3.30** Biker Mice (2849) **4.00** The Ferals (2254) **4.30** Rugrats *(1649032)* ***4.45*** *Doug (1677815)* **5.00** Sister Sister (3877) **5.30** Clarissa (2490) **6.00** Alex Mack (2631) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark ? (3983)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Time Travellers (6228438) **4.30** Human/Nature (6217322) **5.00** The Secrets of Treasure Islands (7353186) **5.30** Pirates (6231902) **6.00** Science Detectives (6238815) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (4424506) **7.30** Mysterious Forces Beyond: Magic and the Paranormal (6218051) ***8.00*** *The Professionals* (9152322) **9.00** Top Marques: Lotus (8018612) **9.30** Disaster (1305902) **10.00** The MG Story (9175273) **11.00-12.00** Space Age (5629896)

BRAVO

12.00 Robin Hood (6354780) **12.30pm** William Tell (1389964) **1.00** Jason King (1384419) **2.00** Department S (2685051) **3.00** The Saint (8004419) **4.00** FILM: Castle of Fu Manchu (7349983) **6.00** The Green Hornet (6225341) **6.30** Department S (4411032) **7.30** Danger Man (6212877) **8.00** Land of the Giants (9156148) **9.00** Twin Peaks (9169612) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Delusion (8086490)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm *Different Strokes (6341)* **7.30** Entertainment (9167) **8.00** Due South (71051) **9.00** Soap (63544) **9.30** Taxi (72877) **10.00** Entertainment (65099) **10.30** *The Critic (41419)* ***11.00*** *Project Alf* (49877) **12.30am** Wings (97194) **1.00** Due South (93200) **2.00** Entertainment (37571) **2.30** The Critic (23378) **3.00** Dr Katz *(86216)* ***3.30-4.00*** *Rocky and Bullwinkle* (10858)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (3288983) **7.00** Esther (2404815) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (3508877) **8.30** Mr Smith's Favourite Garden (4940326) **9.00** The Taste of Health (8525439) **9.35** Kate and Allie (7257902) **10.05** Jerry Springer (3327952) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (2995051) **11.55** Brookside (8023780) **12.30pm** Gabrielle (1689439) **1.25** Catchword (4519032) **2.00** Agony Hour (1715490) **3.00** Live at Three (6695099) **4.00** Infatuation UK (7771235) **4.30** Crosswits (8725341) **5.05** Lingo (53203761) ***5.30*** *Lucky Ladders* (7791099) **6.00** Bewitched (7781612) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (7772964) **7.00** Brookside (2618341) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (5018457) **8.00** Street Legal (1510032) **9.00** FILM: Throw-Away Wives (67228457) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (9326032) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files II (2480235)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Through the Keyhole (5631) **5.30** My Two Dads (6032) **6.00** Batman (665693) **6.25** Family Days Out (273896) **6.30** Catchphrase (7525) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (2167) **7.30** The Beiderbecke Connection (233815) **8.25** Family Days Out (329254) **8.30** Only When I Laugh (5362) **9.00** The Father Dowling Mysteries (37831) **10.00** Treasure Hunt (22790) **11.00** Neon Rider (20525) **12.00** The Fall Guy (50216) **1.00am** Batman (39378) **1.30** The Father Dowling Mysteries (86587) **2.30** All Together Now (69194) **3.00** Big Brother Jake (42842) **3.30** GP (58674) **4.00** Trivial Pursuit (71939) **4.30-5.00** Night Hood (43571)

MTV

7.30am MTV Special (25070) **8.00** Morning Mix Featuring Cinematic (266512) **11.00** Star Trax (42090) **12.00** Greatest Hits (19772) **1.00pm** Music Non-stop (86693) **3.00** Select MTV (18029) **4.00** Hanging Out (69902) **5.30** Dial MTV (8490) **6.00** Soap Dish (8631) **6.30** The Big Picture (9983) **7.00** Star Trax (17877) **8.00** X-celerator (28525) **9.00** X-ray Vision (86419) **10.30** *The All New Beavis and Butt-Head* (54371) **11.00** Headbangers' Ball (78322) **1.00am** Videos (5511533)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (7177186) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (2940032) **12.00** Heart and Soul (3983815) **1.00pm** The '80s Vinyl (3969235) **2.00** Ten of the Best (9957803) **3.00** Into the Music (5568709) **6.00** Happy Hour (3989099) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8129631) **8.00** Thursday Review (8105051) **9.00** Ten of the Best (8125815) ***10.00*** *The '80s Vinyl* Years (8128902) **11.00** Music First (7157332) **12.00** VH-1 to 1: Neil and Tim Finn (8713736) **12.30am** The Bridge (3948228) **1.00** Ten of the Best (2197026) **2.00** Dawn Patrol (6232007)

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7.00pm Hero at Large (1980) (62595709) ***9.00 Merry Andrew (1958)*** *(56701525)* **11.00 Rich and Famous (1981)** (38391167) **1.00am A Very Private Affair (1962)** (97230026) **2.40-4.10 Hero at *Large (1980)*** *(58709610)*

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7.00pm Herbie Hancock Trio **8.00** Aria **8.30** A Midsummer Night's Dream **11.00** Mozart's Gran Partita **12.00-1.00am** Scott Jarrett

BBC WORLD

News on the hour.
8.05am Under the Sun **9.00** World News ***9.30*** *The International Festival of the Sea* **10.30** Top Gear **1.05pm** Horizon **2.15** World Business Report **2.30** Newshour Asia and Pacific **3.30** More Rhodes Around Britain **4.00** *World Headlines* **4.05** The Tourist **5.30** Nature **6.05** Correspondent **9.30** Tomorrow's World **12.10am** Newsnight **4.05** Question Time

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Irani set for debut as Edgbaston wicket turns selection in spinner's favour

England poised to pitch in Patel

By Alan Lee
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND are preparing to award three new caps at Edgbaston today as the Cornhill Test match summer begins on a pitch believed by all concerned to bear no relation to its neighbour, condemned last July by Michael Atherton, the England captain, as the worst he has seen after West Indies had won a brief, but brutal, contest inside seven sessions.

The largest gathering on the ground yesterday was to be found peering at the surface prepared by Steve Rouse, the Warwickshire groundsman. Its startling, two-tone appearance of a year ago has been replaced by one of light grass cover, patchier than England would consider ideal now it is they who have the weight of fast bowling but certainly not a pitch to intimidate.

Atherton pronounced that it looked "a reasonable deck" but also indicated that it was not quite what had been expected. "We're more inclined to play a spinner than we were before we arrived. It is looking increasingly probable," he said. This was good news for Min Patel and, consequently, for Ronnie Irani, but deflating for John Crawley, who looks sure to miss out along with a specialist seam bowler.

With Patel, the left-arm spinner from Kent, included to exploit the cracks in the pitch and the monopoly of Indian right-handers, Irani, the Essex all-rounder, will play his first Test at No 6. Chris Lewis seems assured of his place, with Atherton musing that the bowler to drop out will be either Alan Mullally, who would be the third new cap, or Peter Martin.

One reason, tactical privacy aside, why Atherton could not be more specific was the unusual absence on the day before a Test match of the chairman of selectors, Raymond Illingworth. Nobody was entirely sure why he had stayed away (though Atherton irreverently suggested he might be doing a book signing) but as Illingworth comes before the disciplinary committee of the Test and County Cricket Board next Wednesday and the impression grows of an embittered, fatalistic man, it might have been as well that he did.

Atherton and his friend, David Lloyd, the coach, appear to be smoothly in control of team affairs but, as both are aware, it is important not to get carried away. Some of the plaudits hurled in Lloyd's direction have been disproportionate to the achievement of winning the Texaco Trophy.

Lloyd knows as much. He is good for the players, no question, but should not be burdened with overblown praise, and thereby inflated expectation, almost before he has his feet under the table. As Atherton said: "It's easy to be bubbly when you are winning games. Our priority now is to win a Test series."

So it should be. England have beaten only New Zealand since 1990, which was when they last met India at home. The decisive victory in that series was secured by the captain, Graham Gooch, making 333 at Lord's. His successor is in the mood for something similarly influential and was fascinated that the spread bookmakers, Sporting Index believe he will face 360-385 "dot balls" in the three Tests. "I'm going to have to play a long innings," he said, with relish.

He is likely to do so, as are some of the less accomplished England batsmen, for whom this short series represents an inviting opportunity to establish themselves. Nick Knight and Nasser Hussain have the advantage of residency, now, and it will be disappointing, not least to themselves, if either is dislodged from the side by an Indian attack that ranks among the friendlier of modern Test cricket.

Their team includes three specialist seam bowlers and two spinners. Sunil Joshi is the first player to score 500 runs and take 50 wickets during a season in the Ranji Trophy, India's first-class competition. He is one of four players making their debuts, the most India have fielded for almost 50 years, but the figure is exaggerated by their paucity of recent Test cricket.

Since December 1994, India have played only three Tests against New Zealand, and two of those were victims of rain. "I'm not going to say it's a disadvantage because I won't accept excuses," Mohammed Azharuddin, the captain, said. "We must not worry about conditions, weather or anything else. If we are to play well here, we must apply our minds, it is as simple as that."

England will be applying their minds to ignoring the memories of last year: the public is not yet trying. Despite generally good advance sales, fewer than 5,000 tickets have been sold for Sunday, presumably because people want to be sure the game will last that long.

John Woodcock 43
Ward lifts Kent 43

IAN STEWART

Atherton, the England captain, takes time out during a strenuous session in the nets yesterday to study a video of his own batting form before today's first Test

TEAMS

ENGLAND (from): M A Atherton (captain), N V Knight, N Hussain, G P Thorpe, G A Hick, J P Crawley, R C Irani, C C Lewis, R C Russell, D G Cork, M M Patel, P J Martin, A D Mullally.

INDIA (from): M Azharuddin (captain), V Rathore, A D Jadeja, S V Manjrekar, S R Tendulkar, S Joshi, N R Mongia, J Srinath, A Kumble, B K V Prasad, P L Mhambrey, R S Dravid

Umpires: D R Shepherd (England) and D B Hair (Australia). Replays: A A Jones. Match referee: C W Smith (West Indies)

ENGLAND v INDIA AT EDGBASTON: Results: Played 4, England won 3, India 0, drawn 1. Records (England first): Highest innings totals: 633-5 dec (1979), 390 (1986). Lowest innings totals: 203 (1967), 92 (1967). Highest individual innings: 214 not out D Lloyd (1974), 79 M Amarnath (1986). Best innings bowling: 5-70 I T Botham (1979), 6-58 Chetan Sharma (1986).

TELEVISION: BBC1: 10.55am; 1.55pm; 4.00pm. Highlights: BBC1: 11.30pm; Sky Sports: 8.30pm.

Ferdinand injury provokes forward thinking

By Oliver Holt

SO FRAUGHT have the controversies racking the England football squad been over the last ten days that reports emanating from their training camp yesterday about worrying injuries were treated almost as light relief. The furore over damage to a Cathay Pacific plane may have abated but concerns over the fragility of the players on whom England's hopes of success in the European championship rest are just beginning.

The squad trained behind closed doors at their Bisham Abbey headquarters in Buckinghamshire yesterday, one session in the cool of the morning followed by another in the baking heat of the afternoon. With only three days to go until their opening game against Switzerland, they again had to work without two key players.

Les Ferdinand, 29, the Newcastle United striker, and Gary Neville, the Manchester United defender, were forced to miss training for the second successive day. On Tuesday, it was thought that both injuries — a groin strain for Ferdinand, a thigh strain for Neville — were niggles that needed a day's rest. Yesterday, though, there was concern that Ferdinand's problem, in particular, did not seem to be responding to treatment.

Neville should recover in time to claim his likely place in the starting line-up for the game against the Swiss but Ferdinand's chances of exerting any pressure on Alan Shearer and Teddy Sheringham, the two men deemed to be ahead of him in the pecking order of forwards, appear to be receding. His problem may be Robbie Fowler's opportunity, bringing the likelihood of a place on the bench for the prolific Liverpool striker.

There was, though, a rare piece of good news for Terry Venables, the England coach, yesterday, when Tony Adams, who was dogged by injury for much of the latter part of last season and missed training on Tuesday with a calf strain, played a full part in both sessions.

Adams said he was certain he could withstand the physical demands that the tournament will place upon him. "I am just taking no chances," he said. "I am fit and ready to play."

Donis jets in to sign three-year deal with Blackburn

By Our Sports Staff

GEORGIOS DONIS, the right winger whose speed and trickery have attracted interest from several leading European football clubs, has joined Blackburn Rovers, of the FA Carling Premiership.

Donis, 26, who helped Panathinaikos to reach the semi-finals of the European Cup last season and who has won 27 caps, arrived at Ewood Park yesterday and agreed a three-year contract before returning to Greece via Manchester airport. He was out of contract and available on a free transfer, which helped him to negotiate a salary believed to be in the region of £20,000 a week.

"I am proud and excited to be making this move," Donis said. "Blackburn is a very good club and it is a very good offer."

Tony Parkes, the Blackburn assistant manager, said: "We have watched him over several months, involving matches right across Europe. He is exceptionally quick and we feel we have made an excellent signing."

Alan Sugar, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman who was involved in a bitter dispute with the Football Association 18 months ago, will today attempt to win a place on the FA council.

Sugar, who successfully fought an FA Cup ban and 12-point deduction for the club's financial irregularities, is one of seven candidates bidding for five places on the council.

With the opening match of Euro 96 only two days away, Uefa yesterday issued a series of guidelines to players and officials aimed largely at preventing crowd trouble.

Referees have been told to punish anyone who "over-celebrates" goals, with players instructed "not to act provocatively". Winning teams have been banned from laps of honour, the governing body of European football dictating that those who "wish to salute their supporters ... should do so from the centre circle". Referees have also been instructed to "severely punish any player guilty of misconduct or rough play".

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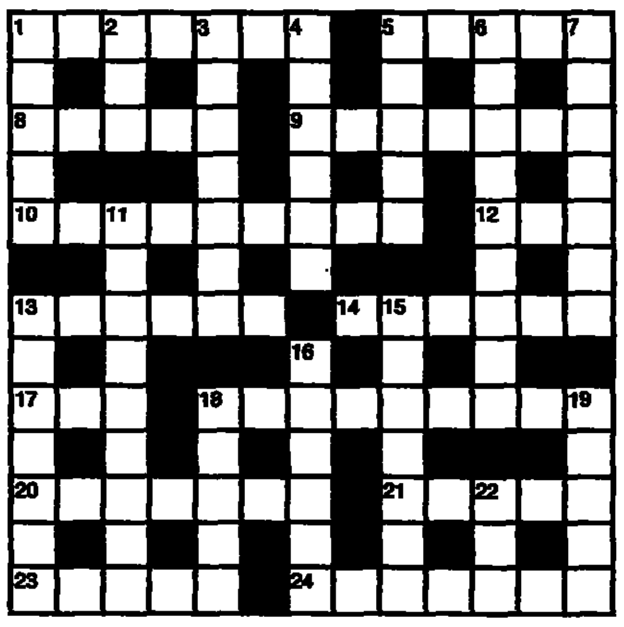

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5 A fish; a rod; a roost (5)
8 Red-coated man from North Pole (5)
9 Place to tie up boat (7)
10 Double-vowel sound (9)
12 Make obeisance (3)
13 Pillar; regular newspaper feature (6)
14 Vitamin C deficiency disease (6)
17 Tasteless material; one gives tit for it (3)
18 Soft, creamy French cheese (9)
20 Harry —, escapologist (7)
21 A meat jelly (5)
23 — Leagues under the Sea (*Verne*) (5)
24 Wide mouth of river (7)

DOWN
1 Founded (on) (5)
2 Large vase (3)
3 Tiny amount; a physical theory (7)
4 *Lorna Doone* setting; type of pony (6)
5 Sharp end of fork (5)
6 Repay expended money (9)
7 The public road (7)
11 Communist ruling group (9)
13 No-win situation (*J. Heller*) (5-2)
15 Dense; an agreement (7)
16 Arbiter (6)
18 Leonard Marx (5)
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Dr no adds to Derby confusion

By Richard Evans
RACING CORRESPONDENT

DR MASSINI, recently promoted to favourite for the Vodafone Derby on Saturday, looks certain to miss the race after succumbing to injury yet again. The unbeaten colt was discovered to be lame yesterday morning with a poisoned foot and "is unlikely to be able to run", Michael Stoute, his trainer, said from Newmarket.

Dr Massini did not run as a two-year-old because of immature bones and his long-awaited debut was put back further when he had an infected tooth root followed by a cut to his hock.

When he finally made it to a racecourse last month, he won both starts impressively, only to suffer from lameness two weeks ago, although he recovered from this.

"I am choked," Michael Tabor, the former bookmaker whose colours Dr Massini carries, said from his Monaco home yesterday after hearing of the latest setback. "He has got pus in a foot and I very much doubt if he will run. When I said recently that this horse had suffered more than his fair share of problems, with injury after injury, some people were sceptical. Unfortunately, it has been borne out by events today and it is very upsetting. Hopefully, the horse will prove his worth in the future."

The run-up to this year's Derby has been dominated by injuries to leading fancies, including Dushyantor, the new 7-2 favourite. The Henry Cecil-trained colt suffers from quarter-cracks to his feet and has nine screws in three of his hooves.

The spate of injuries has not been confined to horses. Ray Cochrane, who had been due to ride Double Leaf, another Stoute-trained runner, in the Derby and Mezzogiorno in the Oaks will miss the meeting and could be out for a month after dislocating a shoulder in a fall during the Swedish 2,000 Guineas in Stockholm on Tuesday.

Michael Kinane, who had been due to ride Dr Massini, has been offered the ride on Double Leaf but there is increasing speculation that he might opt instead for Storm Trooper, trained by Cecil.

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Bridge plan gambit for Czech mates

Alyson Rudd on the football minnows keen to tackle the biggest match in their history

The parting words, via his interpreter, from Dusan Uhrin, the coach of the Czech Republic team, were: "Please remember this is a practice game, a friendly. We're playing Germany next week." Tonight, his team takes on Bamber Bridge, champions of the UniBond League, as part of the Republic's preparations for Euro 96.

"There's no such thing as a friendly game, to be honest," Rus Rigby, the Bamber Bridge groundsman, said yesterday, "but don't worry, there'll be no sliding tackles. Our captain, Jez Baldwin, can be a bit physical, but he's been told to calm things down."

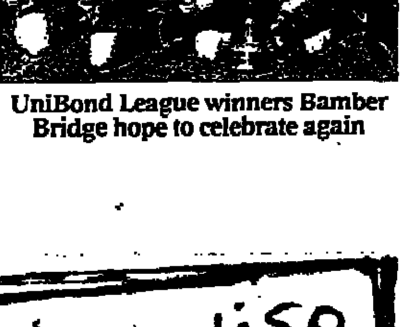
It will be something of a culture shock nonetheless. On Sunday, the Czechs will be playing Germany at the Old Trafford "theatre of dreams". Tonight, they will perform against semi-professionals at Irongate on a pitch that, six years ago, was a farmer's field, bought by "The Brig" for just £3,000. All 2,300 tickets have been sold, which means that a fifth of the expanding Lancashire village's population will be there.

Mel Gainer is swooning over the prospect. He is Bamber Bridge born and bred, watched his brother play in goal for them 30 years ago and has been with the club as player, and now first-team assistant manager, for 22 years. He will lead the team out tonight. "I still can't believe this is happening," Gainer, a lorry driver, who is taking the day off work, said. "I'd love to find out if the England players feel this kind of fervour."

There will be a brass band, local dignitaries have been invited, and the national anthems will be played. For Bamber Bridge, the game-plan is simple. "I told the players to put a smile on their face and to wear their shirt with pride," Gainer said. Beyond that, Bamber Bridge will attempt the neat passing game that helped them to win the UniBond League last season. Promotion to the Vauxhall Conference has been denied — they need to build a new stand first — but the revenue generated tonight might help a little. Tickets are £5, £1.50 more expensive than usual.

At first, Rigby thought it was all a joke. "We got a phone call out of the blue and I didn't know what Euro 96 was," he said. Bamber Bridge have worked night and day to ensure that the event runs smoothly, that the pitch is rut-free, and that their their team has kit. "The players gave away their shirts to the fans at the end of the season," Gainer said. Bamber Bridge's red second strip clashes, so they will play in brand new white shirts bought for the occasion.

It is the stuff of dreams, and you cannot blame the Bamber Bridge staff for dreaming further. "If the result goes our way, will the big clubs come in for me?" Gainer asked. Nigel Webster, the club's football executive, said: "If we win tonight and the Czechs win Euro 96, then we would have achieved something, wouldn't we." He sounded confident, too.



UniBond League winners Bamber Bridge hope to celebrate again

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Tory doctors form covert campaign to back NHS reforms

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

DOCTORS sympathetic to the Tory party have set up a covert campaign to promote the Government's health reforms in the run-up to the general election.

The NHS Network, which does not disclose any political affiliations, was set up with the support of Conservative Central Office by Michael Goldsmith, one of the architects of the health service's internal market.

Dr Goldsmith, vice-chairman of the Conservative Medical Society, who is the chief medical officer of the Sedgwick Insurance Group, reports to Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary.

The NHS Network has 20 regional co-ordinators and 1,000 members, including nurses, doctors, NHS managers and hospital trust chairmen. They write to local newspapers, take part in radio phone-ins, suggest positive media coverage on medical breakthroughs and address public meetings. They do not disclose their membership of the group.

Conservative Central Office was the driving force behind the venture, which is funded by £50,000 a year from an anonymous benefactor. Baroness Seccombe, a Tory Party vice-chairman responible for promoting women's issues, is the group's president. Over the summer it is planning a media offensive to try to extol the virtues of GP fundholding.

Yesterday Dr Goldsmith said: "We do not ask our members about their political affiliation. If I had to guess I would say most are sympathetic to the Tory party. Anyone can join as long as they support the reforms. We are not run by the Tory party. We are encouraged by it, which does not make us a secret society. We will be campaigning in the summer but I am not prepared to disclose our tactics."

The NHS Network is based in an office in Roehampton, west London, and has appointed a part-time administrator. Dr Goldsmith, who is based in Northampton, worked in the NHS until 1981 and has been an adviser to six successive health secretaries.

He said: "We are network of people in the health service who have been mobilised to convey a positive message about the changes. We do not spell out our political affiliation. We just take people to task when they argue that the NHS is being destroyed by the Government. It is not. It has been streamlined into an efficient organisation which is caring for more people.

"Health will be a key electoral battleground in the run-up to the election. Labour will be fighting hard. We will be in the fore of the battle and fighting hard for the Government."

Dr Goldsmith said that it would be unrealistic to expect NHS Network members to disclose their affiliation when speaking to the media. "It would not be right to do so because the network is not a political forum but a gathering of committed medical professionals with a shared interest in making the service work better for the patients."

In the past members have intervened after a hostile Audit Commission report on GP fundholders, and over nurses pay and waiting lists.

The Tories became embroiled in controversy at the last election when it was disclosed that a similar organisation, NHS Task Force, was being run from within Conservative Central Office by a former ministerial special adviser who was a paid party employee. The Tory party does not provide any resources for the NHS Network.

☐ Labour promised yesterday that it would not rid NHS trust boards of Tory political appointees and fill them with Labour councillors. In a Fabian Society lecture, Alan Milburn, a health spokesman, said that Labour would make appointments on merit rather than political patronage.

Cash gets Europe rebellion under way

By Andrew Pierce
Political Correspondent

MORE Tory divisions on Europe will be exposed next week when at least 50 MPs are expected to rebel against the Government and vote for a referendum on Britain's future in Europe.

The Referendum Bill, published yesterday, will be introduced in the Commons on Tuesday by the Euro-sceptic MP Bill Cash, under the ten-minute rule. It is endorsed by Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party in a full-page advertisement in *The Times* today.

The former minister John Redwood is planning talks with Mr Cash about the Bill, which stops short of calling for withdrawal from Europe. Voters are asked instead to say "yes" or "no" to the question: "Do you want the UK to propose and insist on irreversible changes in the Treaty on European Union so that the UK retains its powers of government and is not part of a federal Europe nor part of a European monetary union, including a single currency?"

The Referendum Party, which plans to field up 600 candidates at the general election, says in its advertisement that the Bill addresses the "fundamental national issue": should the UK, as a continuing member of the EU, be part of a European federal superstate or a Europe of nations? "Electors have never been granted a choice. The Government is not credible when it argues that there will be no federal Europe so long as it's in power."

Mr Cash, who claims to have cross-party support, wants the referendum to be held before the conclusion of the inter-governmental conference on the Maastricht treaty in September 1997. He has not ruled out the Goldsmith option of a referendum on polling day.

The diplomatic war with Europe over beef is expected to swell support for the Bill. The former whipless rebels met Mr Cash yesterday and pledged their backing.

The Bill is expected to attract support similar to that in April for Iain Duncan Smith's proposed curb on the European Court, which was backed by 66 Tories. Mr Duncan Smith, one of the most respected Euro-sceptics, said: "I will support the Cash Bill. It is a sensible measure."

But a senior pro-Europe Tory said: "The Referendum Bill may avoid the question of staying in or out but it is an attempt at withdrawal from Europe by the backdoor."

'WE WILL FIGHT THEM ON THE BEEF CRISIS
WE WILL FIGHT THEM ON THE FISHERIES
WE WILL FIGHT THEM ON THE CAP AND EMU
WE WILL NEVER GIVE IN'

Peer tries to calm judicial dispute

By James Landale

LABOUR tried yesterday to calm the growing dispute between the Government and the judiciary, calling for self-restraint from both sides.

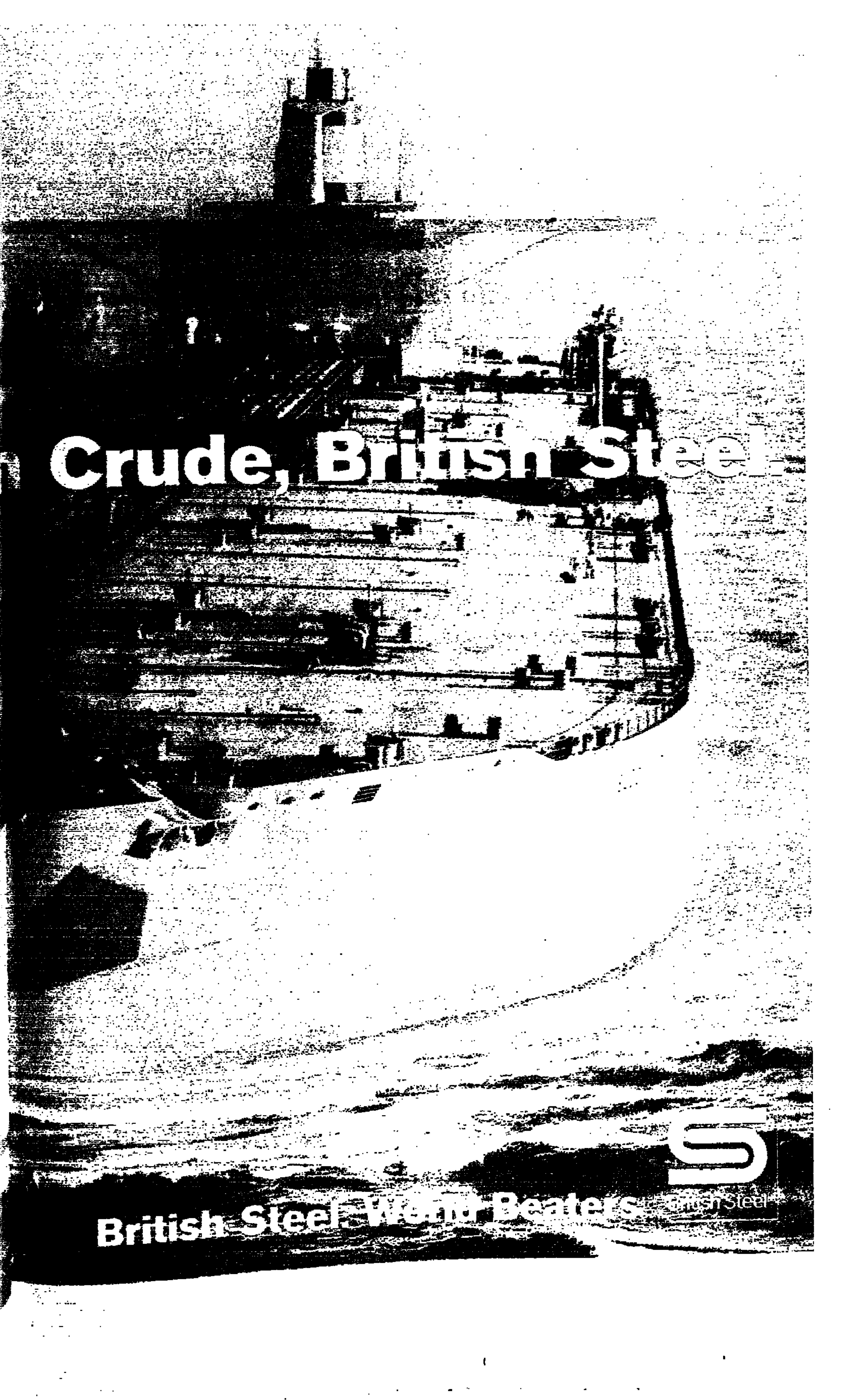
Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Shadow Lord Chancellor, said there was rising public concern over the "unprecedented antagonism" between judges and ministers as both sides accused the other of encroaching on their powers. But he supported ministers by warning judges against attacking government policy in public.

"I think judges would be wise to confine themselves to controversy about the administration of justice," he told the House of Lords. "If they engage more extensively in political controversy, they risk undermining public confidence in their political impartiality."

He said he had no wish to censor judges, but added: "It is only if that self-restraint is displayed on both sides that the public will have confidence that the separation of powers is alive and working well."

His remarks follow recent criticism by several judges of Michael Howard's mandatory sentencing reforms. They have accused the Home Secretary of usurping powers that should lie with the courts.

At the same time, Mr Howard has attacked recent court judgments that have overturned decisions he had made under statutory and prerogative powers.



Referendum Bill dodges only question that counts

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The Tory Euro-sceptics are trying to have it both ways — arguing for a Europe of independent nations without admitting the inevitable consequences. Their demands go well beyond resisting *further* integration or opposing British participation in monetary union. The sceptics want to repatriate *existing* powers of EU institutions by unilateral decisions such as the imposition of a fishing limit around Britain or making Parliament supreme over the rulings of the European Court of Justice. But these demands involve much more than Britain being on the outer tier of a multi-tier EU. They are really about whether Britain stays in the EU.

That is why Bill Cash's Bill on a referendum on Europe — to be debated under the 10 minute rule procedure next Tuesday — is flawed. He has been consistent, and persistent, in his argument that the Maastricht treaty has already created what he terms "federal" arrangements, and these must now be renegotiated. The British opt-in/opt-out on monetary union is not enough, he argues. So a clear expression of public views is therefore needed to determine Britain's negotiating position on the inter-governmental conference.

In a latter to fellow MPs, Mr Cash misrepresents the results of a MORI poll in *The Times* last week. He says the poll showed that "60 per cent actively oppose a federal Europe and all this involves. Only 15 per cent support one." The poll did not ask about a federal Europe. What it did ask was a series of questions about specific proposals for closer integration. Mr Cash has picked the question showing the greatest opposition, about the transfer of more powers to the European Parliament from individual national parlaiemtns. Oppostion to other proposals, such as a Supreme Court of Europe and even a single currency, is generally much smaller.

Moreover, the Bill has been sloppily drafted. In his eagerness to prevent EU institutions participating in, or financing, one side in the campaign, Mr Cash has got in a muddle over electoral law. Clause 6 (1) says "no person, body or organisation involved in the referendum campaign shall be entitled to expend or provide sums of money from any sources which exceeds the amount which would be allowed by law if the referendum campaign were a general election". But there are no legal restrictions on spending in national campaigns. The only limits apply to spending on behalf of an individual candidate in a constituency, which are irrelevant to a national referendum.

Contrary to the longstanding Tory opposition to state funding, the Bill also proposes that the taxpayer should partly finance the rival campaigns, though both the amounts and the criteria for grants are vague. New controls are also proposed on coverage by the broadcasters to ensure "full impartiality and relevance".

The real weakness in the Bill is the proposed question — "do you want the UK to propose and insist on irreversible changes in the treaty on European Union, so that the UK retains its powers of government and is not part of a federal Europe nor part of a European monetary union, including a single currency?" The Government has already promised a referendum on a single currency. The rest of the question amounts to a general, and confusing, demand for a renegotiation of Britain's memvership of he EU. But like the other sceptics, Mr Cash is reluctant to pose the underlying question of whether Britain stays in or gets out of the EU.

As last week's MORI poll showed, there is still a small majority for British membership. This is despite the beef confrontation which threatens to be a quagmire for the Major Government. The real choice facing Britain is whether to remain in the EU and reach the compromises which that entails, or whether to leave, as the sceptics' demands imply. That is the only genuine question for a referendum.

PETER RIDDELL

Ashdown champions the poor

By Alice Thomson

PADDY ASHDOWN promised to make the Liberal Demorats the "voice of the underclass" yesterday when he announced his party's proposed 50p top rate of tax.

Mr Ashdown, the party leader, said that raising tax on incomes of more than £100,000 would enable the Government to take up to 750,000 people on low incomes out of taxation altogether.

The proposal is the main piece of the party's new Helping Hand programme of tax and benefit reforms aimed at breaking the poverty trap.

In a challenge to Labour, which has consistently refused to spell out its tax plans, he said the Liberal Democrats were offering a "clear, costed, committed" programme.

Mr Ashdown warned Tony Blair of the dangers of political "timidity" — going into the election unwilling to be the voice of the poor. "We are determined that we will provide that voice," he said. "We provide a sharp contrast with Labour's hands-off approach to people let down, left out and left behind."

Labour MPs join fight against PR

By James Landale, Political Reporter

ROY HATTERSLEY and Gerald Kaufman launched a national campaign by Labour MPs against electoral reform yesterday.

The two former Labour ministers say that their experience in the Lib-Lab pact of the late 1970s convinced them that coalition government — an inevitable result of proportional representation (PR) — did not work.

More than 100 Labour MPs have joined the First Past the Post Group, which supports the present constituency-based voting system. They are sending letters and leaflets to local Labour parties, the trade unions, and the public to argue their case against PR.

Tony Blair has committed Labour to holding a referendum on PR but the party leader said recently that he has yet to be convinced of its merits.

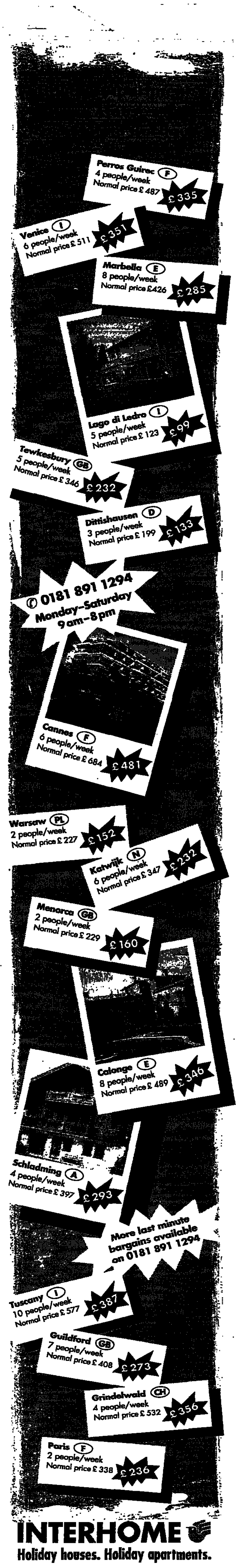
Although there are many types of PR, each party would get the number of MPs in Parliament that most closely represents their share of the vote. As such, smaller parties such as the Liberal Democrats, the most ardent advocates of PR, would have more MPs than now. If Tony Blair entered any agreement with the Liberal Democrats after the general election, he might be forced to give ground towards some form of PR.

The new group argues that PR would give small, extremist parties "undue access to power", destroy the relationship between MPs and their constituents, and lead to weak coalition governments. They also admit openly that PR would cut the number of Labour MPs.

Mr Hattersley said: "Groups which commanded a small proportion of the popular vote would hold the major parties to ransom. I joined the Labour Party to change the nature of society. That objective cannot be achieved by a coalition government."

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: Home Office questions; debates on the Royal Air Force and on the effect of century date change on computer systems. In the Lords: Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill, third reading; Housing Bill, committee; debate on Healthcare 2000 report.



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Yassir Arafat, left, President Mubarak of Egypt, centre, and King Husain of Jordan, arrive at the resort of Aqaba for a summit yesterday

Britain warns Netanyahu not to crush Palestinian hopes

By Christopher Walker
Middle East Correspondent

Jerusalem: The Israeli Supreme Court yesterday upheld Binyamin Netanyahu's narrow election victory (Christopher Walker writes). It rejected a motion to include blank ballots in the final tally, which would have entailed a new election, because it would have meant that the Likud leader had not won the required 50 per cent of the vote.

The final twist in the knife-edge poll came when the five-judge panel rejected a petition demanding *that* the blank ballots should be counted. It ruled that Israel's election law clearly stated that a blank ballot was spoiled. One of the petitioners had argued: "Tens of thousands of blank ballots were cast by people who *did* not support either candidate and wished to register a protest. To ignore their vote is not only illegal, but also undemocratic."

BRITAIN yesterday warned Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's hardline Prime Minister-elect, that Israeli hopes for lasting peace with the Arabs would fail, if he trampled on Palestinian aspirations for statehood.

The blunt warning, just two days after John Major hosted Yassir Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority, at 10 Downing Street, was delivered in Cairo by Jeremy Hanley, Foreign Office Minister for Hong Kong and the Middle East.

"Never say never, otherwise you are not going to have a comprehensive, just and agreed solution which people can settle upon in the long term," he said, commenting on Mr Netanyahu's campaign pledge never to permit a Palestinian state to be established on the former land of British-mandated Palestine.

"Do not rule out by saying 'no statehood, never' because that cuts out proper negotiation and discussion. You should not remove the legitimate aspirations of individuals ahead of negotiations," Mr Hanley added.

His remarks were seen as amplification of a speech made during the election campaign by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary. Mr Rifkind infuriated many Israelis by declaring that Israel could not unilaterally impose an agreement on the Palestinians and accusing it of maintaining a "military occupation" in annexed east Jerusalem.

Mr Hanley was speaking as three Arab leaders — President Mubarak of Egypt, King Husain of Jordan and Mr Arafat — held a summit to coordinate reaction to the Netanyahu election victory. The meeting led Mr Hanley to praise Mr Mubarak for his efforts to "gather opinion constructively" from other Arab leaders before passing judgment on Mr Netanyahu. An Egyptian, Syrian and Saudi Arabian summit is scheduled for this weekend.

The Palestinians fear that Mr Netanyahu will stick by campaign pledges and refuse to discuss the final status of Jerusalem, as laid down in the 1993 peace accord signed in Washington.

They also fear that he will delay the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the West Bank city of Hebron, which was initially agreed by the defeated Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, for June 12.

"Do not say we will never discuss the status of Jerusalem," Mr Hanley pleaded at a news conference that appeared certain to increase the strain on Anglo-Israeli relations sparked by Mr Rifkind's outspoken speech last month.

"The status of Jerusalem is part of what has to be discussed and agreed upon between parties, if we are to have a lasting peace," Mr Hanley added.

In his controversial address last month, Mr Rifkind openly welcomed the decision by the Israeli Labour Party to drop from its election platform its opposition to the formation of a Palestinian state — a move which many Israeli commentators have since claimed played a part in Mr Peres's defeat.

Yesterday after the summit at the Red Sea port of Aqaba, Mr Arafat repeated his belief that there will be a Palestinian state, despite the victory of Mr Netanyahu's Likud Party. "Sooner or later, there will be a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital," Mr Arafat told a news conference given by the three leaders.

At that point, King Husain interrupted the Palestinian leader to add that Jordan will never be a substitute homeland for the Palestinians — a notion often floated by the Likud Party on the basis that more than one-half of the desert kingdom's population of nearly four million is Palestinian.

Although the summit was intended to convey an image of Arab solidarity in the face of Israel's election upset, the absence of Syria — still at odds with the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Jordan over their willingness to cut separate peace deals with Israel — was a reminder of the divisions which remain in the Arab camp.

Yesterday the daily *Baghdad Observer*, a mouthpiece for President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, gave a warning of popular revolts among Arabs whose leaders have signed peace treaties with Israel. "This humiliating policy of some Arab rulers is creating a sense of resentment among the vast majority of Arab masses," the paper said. "This in turn will breed violence".

In a surprise overture to Syria, run by a rival wing of the Baath Party, the paper said that, after the Netanyahu victory, Syria and Iraq should abandon their differences and confront Israel's threats.

"To counter renewed Zionist challenges, Syrian-Iraqi relations should be normalised and restored as a vital and necessary step," it added.

Hanley: there must be proper negotiation

Likud 'is more able to secure peace', aide says

From Ross Dunn
in Jerusalem

A KEY adviser to Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister-elect, says the new Likud Government will be better able to secure peace in the Middle East than the last Labour administration.

Dore Gold, a leading strategic analyst, is expected to be formally appointed soon as a foreign policy adviser to Mr Netanyahu. He disputed the common wisdom that the peace process would collapse under a Likud-led administration. Dr Gold was speaking after making the first official contact since the poll between Likud and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Dr Gold said that a mechanism would be created to forge contacts between Israel and the PLO once Mr Netanyahu has formed a coalition. "People should be aware of the record of conservative governments around the world in securing peace," he said. Examples included the Reagan Administration's record in bringing the Cold War to an end. "Here in the Middle East we have the example of the Likud Government under Menachem Begin, who reached a peace treaty with Egypt." Dr Gold said.

He said a Likud Government would be stronger than a Labour one in taking the PLO to task over violations of the peace accord. Since Labour had initiated the deal it had trouble dealing with violations, he added. A government which had not started the process would have fewer problems than one which had "so much political capital invested in the accord".

As for the possibility of peace between Israel and Arab states such as Syria, Dr Gold said: "I live by a simple axiom — one cannot expect that peace between Israel and the Arab states would be any greater than it is between the Arab states themselves."

Marwan Kanafani, spokesman for Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian President, said: "I think the President is surprised [by Mr Netanyahu's victory] but he is determined to co-operate with any person directed by the Israelis to occupy the office of Prime Minister."

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Republicans hope to sink Clinton in wave of scandal

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

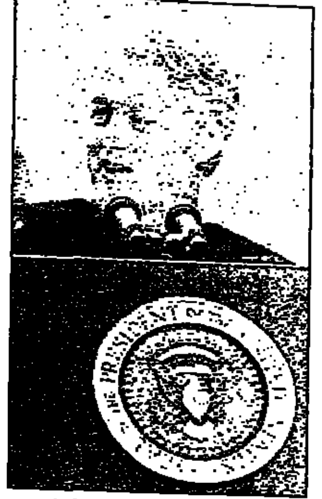
WASHINGTON was rife with charge and counter-charge yesterday as Republicans strove to smother the Clinton White House with scandals.

Senate Whitewater committee Republicans accused their Democratic colleagues of a cover-up after they refused to grant David Hale, a former Arkansas financier and Clinton foe, immunity from prosecution if he testified about various financial shenanigans in Little Rock when Mr Clinton was Governor.

Among other things, Mr Hale claims Mr Clinton pressured him to make an illegal $300,000 (£193,000) loan to his partners in the Whitewater Development Company from government-insured funds earmarked for the economically disadvantaged.

William Clinger, Republican chairman of the House "Travelgate" committee, accused the White House of illegally using the FBI to smear one of the seven members of the White House Travel Office in order to justify their controversial 1993 dismissals. He produced a subpoenaed document showing that Bernard Nussbaum, the former White House counsel, requested and obtained FBI files on Billy Dale, the Office head, seven months after his dismissal.

Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, flourished an article in the conservative American *Spectator* claiming the White House delayed announcing the death of Ron Brown, the Commerce Secretary, in an April plane crash until incriminating papers covering his financial dealings were removed from his office. The White House furiously denied the charge.



Clinton: well ahead of Dole in polls

The mystery of Hillary Clinton's lost-and-found legal records was deepened by the release of an FBI fingerprint analysis which Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, ordered in an attempt to discover who concealed the subpoenaed documents for two years before they were inexplicably found on a table in the Clintons' private quarters.

The FBI identified two of the First Lady's fingerprints on the documents, which detailed her work for Madison Guaranty, the corrupt Arkansas bank at the heart of the Whitewater affair. It also identified prints belonging to Vincent Foster, the deputy White House counsel who killed himself in 1993; Carolyn Huber, the assistant to Mrs Clinton who found the documents on the table; and three other lowly figures who worked either for Mrs Clinton's former law firm or the Clintons' private lawyer in Washington. A White House spokesman said the analysis "completely undermines" Republican claims that the three Clinton aides who searched Mr Foster's office after his suicide illegally spirited away the documents. The FBI found none of their prints.

Mr Gingrich predicted during a private meeting of Republican officials that scandal would cost Mr Clinton the White House. But a new poll for *The New York Times* showed Mr Clinton enjoys a 19-point lead over Bob Dole, his Republican challenger.

☐ **Roosevelt wins:** Hall Delano Roosevelt, 36, grandson of former President Roosevelt, has won a seat on the Long Beach City Council's fourth district in California, election officials said. *(Reuter)*

William Rees-Mogg, page 20

Flames reach the shoreline of Birch Lake in Alaska as firefighters struggled in gusty winds to stop the spread of a 6,000-acre blaze that has forced the evacuation of up to 1,000 residents from communities north of Anchorage.

Winds fan Alaska forest fire

Tony Knowles, the Governor, declared the fire zone a disaster area and asked the state legislature and the federal Government for emergency money to help those who lost homes and to continue fighting the fire raging in America's largest state. The blaze began on Sunday in a popular recreation area and was held to 68 acres until winds fanned it out of control late on Monday, said Gary Lehnhausen of the state's Division of Forestry.

Winds continued to feed the flames, and by Tuesday a massive wall of grey smoke was visible from Anchorage, 50 miles to the south. Between 50 and 100 homes have been destroyed so far.

Firefighters have discovered evidence of campfires and fireworks near the point where the blaze originated — signs, they believe, that the blaze was caused by human activity. Damage is estimated at $28 million (£18 million).

Wild fires are common in the late spring and summer in Alaska, although they generally hit unpopulated areas and are allowed to burn themselves out. By Tuesday, 343 fires throughout the state had burned over some 25,000 acres, the Alaska Interagency Fire Co-ordination Centre said. *(Reuter)*

Old theatre moving with Times Square

From James Bone in New York

DEVELOPERS plan to pick up and move a 750-seat theatre as Times Square is transformed from a tawdry red-light district into an entertainment mecca for tourists.

The landmark Empire Theatre will be trundled down 42nd Street to a new site about 70ft away to make room for a 25-screen cinema.

The scheme to move the 93-year-old Empire is the most ambitious engineering feat in the wholesale redevelopment of the "Street of Dreams", which had fallen prey to violence and pornography.

Forest City Ratner Companies, the developer building the new cineplex, is moving the Empire because it takes up too much space, yet cannot be demolished because it is a protected building. The theatre, which closed in the mid-1980s after a spell as a cinema, will be raised off its foundations and put on steel rails for its journey.

In its new position, the theatre, which has a lavish interior with Greek, Roman and Egyptian motifs, will serve as the entrance and lobby of the cinema complex.

Just yards away will be a new waxwork museum planned for 42nd Street by Madame Tussaud's. Disney is renovating the New Amsterdam Theatre on the same block to stage big musicals based on its films.

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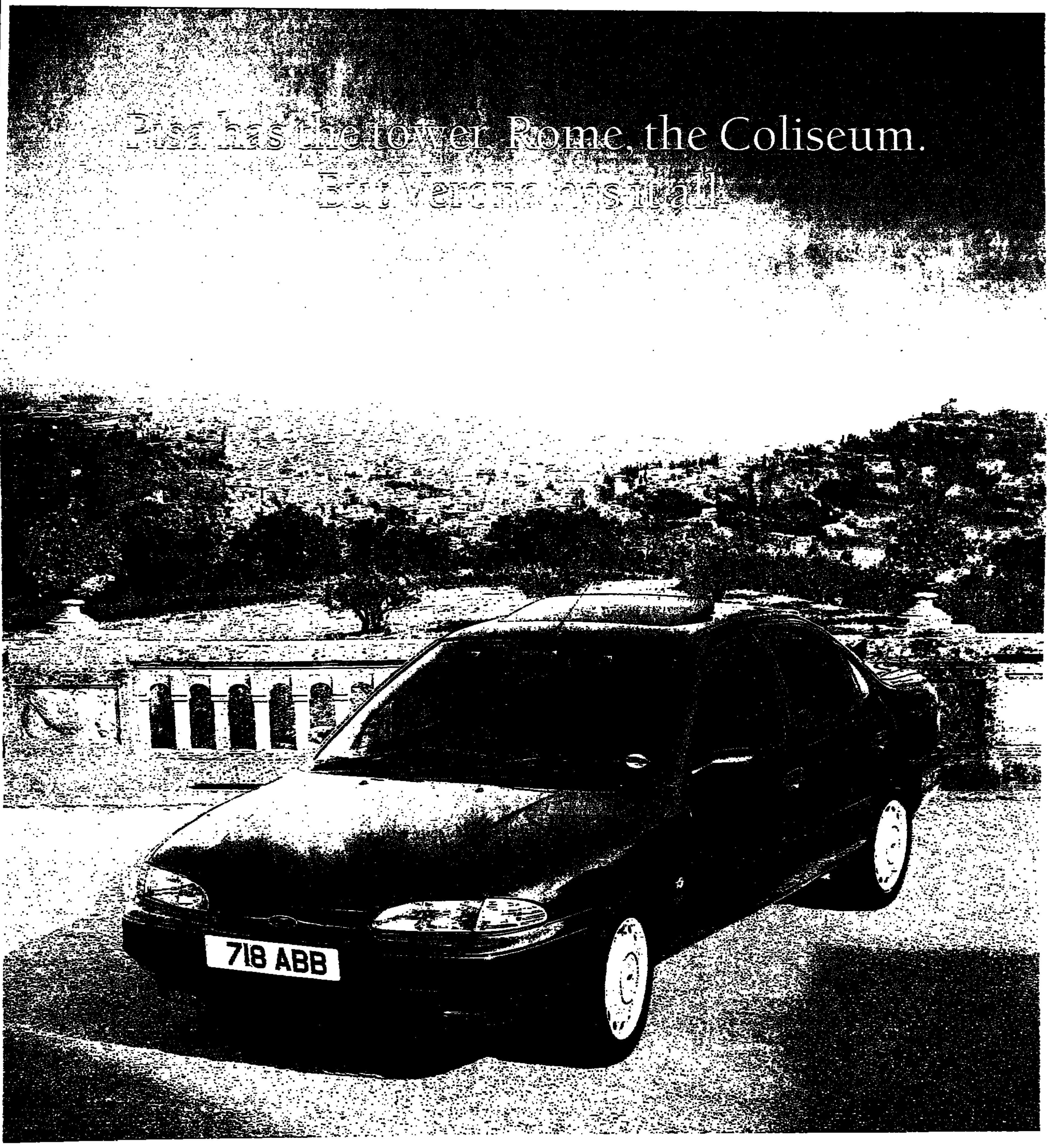

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FROM MICHAEL BINYON
IN ISTANBUL

IN THE full glare of 155 nations attending the United Nation's Habitat international housing conference, Turkey's tottering Government is likely to collapse before the end of the week.

The fall of Mesut Yilmaz's centre-right coalition, undermined by the Prime Minister's bitter personal feud with Tansu Ciller, his predecessor and now his nominal coalition ally, may lead to the triumph of the opposition Islamists, bringing to power an openly religious party for the first time since Ataturk imposed a secular constitution more than 70 years ago.

Such a move would send shock waves throughout Nato, and could call into question the pro-Western policies and orientation that have made Turkey a bedrock of the Atlantic alliance since the Second World War. The advent of an Islamic government could also alarm investors and financial circles, accelerating Turkey's rampant inflation. It would undermine the West's attempt to protect Iraqi Kurds from President Saddam Hussein and give comfort to Islamic fundamentalism throughout the Middle East.

The writing has been on the wall for Mr Yilmaz, of the Motherland Party, since he threatened to send Mrs Ciller, leader of the True Path Party, to the Supreme Court on suspicion of having set up a slush fund for her use. She is strongly contesting the charges, and has promised to support a no-confidence motion against Mr Yilmaz, to be tabled in parliament on Saturday by Necmettin Erbakan, the leader of the pro-Islamic Welfare Party. Mrs Ciller's deputies decided yesterday to support her vote against Mr Yilmaz, making his defeat seem certain. This could lead to fresh elections, or to a new coalition headed by Mr Erbakan. Meanwhile, parliament voted to investigate the sources of Mrs Ciller's personal wealth.

All this week there have been frantic attempts to patch up the present secular Government, quaintly known as the Motherpath coalition. But the personal enmity between the two party leaders, and a series of false moves by both sides, has, if anything, deepened the gulf. Mr Yilmaz has tried to push Mrs Ciller into a corner, but Turkey's "Iron Lady" is as much a fighter as her role model, Margaret Thatcher. Waiting in the wings is the army, traditionally the guardian of Ataturk's secular legacy, which has twice before brutally intervened to dispatch bickering politicians. Many Turks, voicing conspiracy theories, also say the Americans would not allow the Islamists to come to power. The main threat would be to American bases in Turkey, especially to Incirlik, the base for Operation Provide Comfort, to help Iraqi Kurds and police the "no-fly zone" over northern Iraq.

The mandate for this operation is up for renewal at the end of this month, and the Americans have been lobbying political leaders, though even the present Defence Minister is likely to tell Nato's defence planning committee that there are not enough parliamentary votes to extend it.

Turkey's political drift is having serious economic consequences. Rampant inflation remains unchecked, and the latest consumer price index rose a further 4.5 per cent in May, giving a yearly inflation rate of 82.9 per cent. The possibility of fresh elections has already scared the private sector into raising prices. The International Monetary Fund, in a strongly worded letter to the Government, has painted a bleak picture, with warnings of higher inflation and a budget deficit double what the Government foresaw.

During a visit to Brussels this week, Mr Yilmaz has appeared to soften towards Mrs Ciller, and has suggested a possible meeting with her on his return. But as one observer said: "Turkish politics is a game of chess which nobody knows how to play properly."

Brussels: Mesut Yilmaz, the Turkish Prime Minister, said yesterday that his country should be invited to this month's European Union summit to help to bolster ties between Turkey and the EU. Mr Yilmaz said he was pressing for a seat at the summit in Florence on June 21-22 as part of a strategy which aims to secure full Union membership for Turkey. "I cannot imagine a European Union without Turkey at the beginning of the next decade," Mr Yilmaz said after two days of talks. But an EU official said that Turkey would not be invited to Florence with other aspiring members and repeated the EU's longstanding position that Turkey does not yet qualify for membership. *(AP)*

Gorbachev revels in limelight on the campaign trail

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN KAZAN, RUSSIA

AS THE instantly recognisable balding head of Mikhail Gorbachev piloted a course through the crowd, the packed hall at the Kazan Technical University broke into whistles and applause.

About 600 people were jammed in, standing in the aisles and sitting on top of each other under the stern gaze of a portrait of the university's rectors.

"I attribute immense importance to this election campaign," Mr Gorbachev said from the lectern. "You are under a complete information blockade." The excited reception for the former Soviet President in Kazan, 500 miles east of Moscow, belies the idea that he is universally hated in Russia. But for many he is just a celebrity.

"I am in shock," said Alsu, a young secretary. "I have seen Mikhail Gorbachev in the flesh." Yevgeni Shukin, a middle-aged engineer who accuses Mr Gorbachev of indecisiveness, said: "People have come to see the man of mystery. He is a good man, but this country needs a tough man."

Despite very low poll ratings, Mr Gorbachev is clearly enjoying the campaign. After five years of what he calls "political exile" following his abrupt exit from high office in 1991, he has a chance to put his side of the argument.

"Their main tactic is to shut Gorbachev up, and that is why I am travelling," he told *The Times*. "The auditoriums are always full. I answer questions for two or three hours. I am live on local television, and in places where state television does not let me on air I am on private channels. So Gorbachev's glasnost is working."

The man who delivers four-hour speeches is not contrite. He answered each question for ten or 15 minutes, often straying from the topic to touch the same point: how he had sought to keep the Soviet Union together in 1991 but had been foiled by Boris Yeltsin on the one hand and the August coup plotters on the other; and how he had set out on a course of gradual reform which had been wrecked by Mr Yeltsin.

He was besieged with questions about his hugely unpopular anti-alcohol campaign of 1985 and 1986, when vodka disappeared from the shops. It had been carried out "idiotically". Mr Gorbachev conceded, but the principles had been right because drunkenness was destroying Russian industry. He turned over the next written question: "How much will a bottle of vodka cost?" The hall erupted in laughter.

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The former President now firmly identifies himself with what he calls the "democratic movement". The campaign has been made into a trap, he says, in which voters are being told there are only two candidates, President Yeltsin and Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist leader, and all other votes are wasted. As far as he was concerned, "it is the difference between two shoes, a left one and a right one. They both belong to the Communist system".

A touch of venom entered his voice when he talked about Mr Yeltsin, who ejected him from the Kremlin in December 1991. Their rivalry dates from 1987 when Mr Gorbachev dismissed Mr Yeltsin as head of the Moscow Communist Party, although he gave him a government job and let him to stay in the capital. He was asked how he would have treated Mr Yeltsin then, knowing what later developed. "I would have sent him to Africa!" Mr Gorbachev cried.

He clearly over-estimates the effect his campaign is having. Opinion polls have not given him more than 2 per cent of the vote, which would put him in seventh or eighth place in a field of 11 on June 16. Workers and pensioners cannot forgive him for "destroying the Soviet Union".

"That we are here at all is all due to Gorbachev," argued Gabit Rusa, who runs a local Muslim charity and is that rare phenomenon — a committed Gorbachev voter. "We should put up a statue to him, but it will take people 20 years to realise that."

When Mr Gorbachev emerged on to the sunny street, an old lady pushed her granddaughter through the crowds to catch a glimpse of the elder statesman. A dozen cameras clicked and policemen cracked jokes. For them it was a relaxing assignment before President Yeltsin hits Kazan on Sunday.

A young Yeltsin supporter holding up a poster of the Russian leader with the slogan "Our President" outside the parliament in Moscow yesterday

Briton in line for top Australian police job

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE
IN SYDNEY

PETER RYAN, 52, a Briton who has emerged as front-runner for Australia's top police job, Commissioner for New South Wales, would be moving to a force where more than 200 officers have criminal records, it emerged yesterday.

Paul Whelan, the New South Wales Police Minister, stunned the state parliament with the disclosure that so many officers in the 13,000-strong force have serious criminal convictions; their offences include drug dealing, possession of explosives, malicious injury and sex crimes.

Mr Whelan said: "There are too many police with serious criminal convictions still serving in the New South Wales police service. The community has a right to expect the highest possible standards from police."

He said they had managed to avoid dismissal through "complex and convoluted" appeals, and because the process of removing them was time-consuming and ineffectual.

The disclosure looks set to damage further the integrity of the state force, which is already reeling from an investigation over the past year by a Royal Commission which uncovered widespread corruption and misconduct and led to the resignation of several senior officers. Many hope that the appointment of an outsider such as Mr Ryan to head the force will help to restore public confidence.

Mr Ryan began his career as a constable in Lancashire, moved to the Metropolitan Police in 1983 and later became Chief Constable of Norfolk. He is currently head of the Police Staff College at Bramshill, Hampshire.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nigerians protest at murder

Lagos: Thousands of Nigerians demonstrated yesterday over the killing of the wife of Chief Moshood Abiola, the detained opposition leader. An opposition alliance called the shooting an assassination.

Kudirat Abiola, 44, the senior of Chief Abiola's several wives, was shot in her car in Lagos on Tuesday. Her driver also died. Nigeria has been in crisis since former military rulers annulled a June 1993 election deemed to have been won by the chief, a millionaire businessman being held on treason charges. *(Reuter)*

Lesotho verdict

Maseru: A Scotland Yard inquiry into the death of King Moshoeshoe II of Lesotho, who died in a road accident, has concluded that the driver had been drinking and fell asleep at the wheel. *(AFP)*

Captain freed

Dar es Salaam: Tanzanian authorities have dropped murder charges against Jumanne Rume, captain of a ferry which sank on Lake Victoria killing hundreds of people. He was freed from prison. *(Reuter)*

New navy chief

Washington: President Clinton appointed Admiral Jay Johnson, 50, a former fighter pilot, to be the new chief of the US Navy, succeeding Admiral Mike Boorda, who committed suicide. *(AFP)*

Geologist killed

Manila: A Canadian geologist was killed when a helicopter surveying an Australian copper and gold-mining project was shot at by an unidentified gunman over Kasibu in the northern Philippines. *(Reuter)*

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Alcatraz ensures captive audience for premiere

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

AN INMATE once called it "the island of the living dead", but Hollywood turned Alcatraz into something livelier for the world premiere of Sean Connery's latest action extravaganza.

Taking the art of the publicity stunt to new extremes, the grim concrete exercise yard of the old "super-prison" in San Francisco Bay was turned into a tented screening room. The event, launching the summer run of Disney's *The Rock* in the face of stiff competition from other studios, brought new meaning to the term captive audience.

It also completed a strange transformation for the dreaded Alcatraz, which once held America's worst criminals J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI director, liked to say that "even dead men leave the Rock in handcuffs".

The bleak island is now San Francisco's most popular tourist attraction and a trendy corporate hospitality venue. A local banking executive recently spent $100,000 (£65,000) to host a dinner on Alcatraz. The Walt Disney Company spent much more than that converting the island into a cinema, but earned much-needed headlines in the process.

Rival studios have already set a furious pace in the seasonal dash for box-office supremacy. *Twister* (Warner Bros/Universal) and *Mission Impossible* (Paramount) have each taken more than $100 million in their first few days. *The Rock* may yet surpass both, thanks to good reviews, especially for Connery's co-star, Nicolas Cage, who won this year's Best Actor Oscar.

In another Hollywood drama, the makers of *Striptease*, in which Demi Moore appears naked, are wondering if they will ever recoup their investment. The film's release has been postponed a month while crucial scenes are reshot in a hurried attempt to dissociate it from the disaster that was *Showgirls*.

America appears tired of sex at the cinema. *Showgirls* promised a torrid exposé of Las Vegas lap dancing but flopped embarrassingly last year.

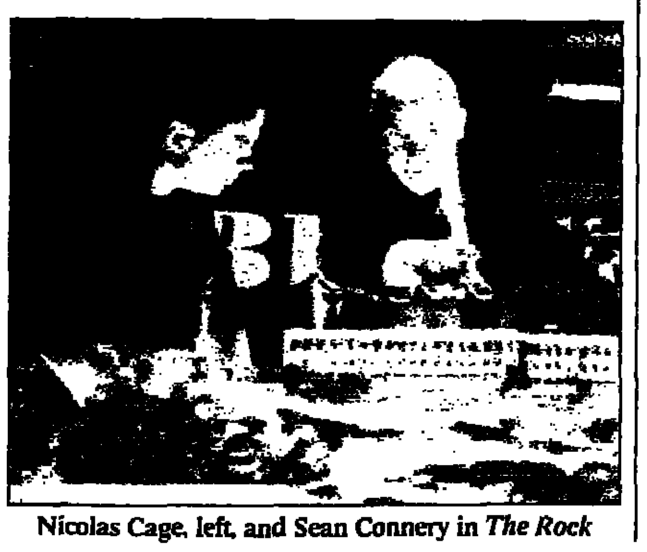
Castle Rock Pictures is therefore trying to persuade test audiences that *Striptease*, for which Ms Moore was paid $12 million (£7.7 million), is nothing like it. But viewers are reportedly failing to laugh when they find the film is now being billed as a comedy.

Other studios have taken note. They hope to recoup the losses of a dismal spring by staking everything on the one genre in which Hollywood still leads the world: wholesome action adventures with no holds barred and preferably no kissing.

Even as American audiences sit enthralled by the special effects of *Twister* and Tom Cruise's *Mission Impossible*, both among the sixth-fastest films of all time to break the $100 million barrier at the box office, they are bracing themselves for more of the same.

With hardly a weekend's pause, viewers will be offered Arnold Schwarzenegger in *Eraser*, terrorists and ex-convicts in *The Rock*, alien spaceships 15 miles wide in *Independence Day*, and Keanu Reeves racing ice boats across frozen lakes in *Chain Reaction*.

The films have a combined budget of nearly $300 million, but barely a soft-focus smooch between them.



Nicolas Cage, left, and Sean Connery in *The Rock*

Paris and Bonn edge closer on defence

BY BEN MACINTYRE

FRANCE and Germany agreed to work on a document outlining joint defence policy at yesterday's Franco-German summit in Dijon, as President Chirac and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, sought to inject new warmth into the alliance following an unusually turbulent period.

In another signal of solidarity, they announced that they would hold an additional "friendly working session" in Paris this morning after flying back from the summit together last night.

At their last meeting in Bonn on May 10, the two leaders informally agreed to hold meetings every six weeks. The summits of the European Union and the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations this month are expected to top the agenda in today's talks, along with "mad cow disease".

Paris and Bonn reaffirmed their commitment to a number of joint armaments projects in a further bid to show that recent tensions over defence policy have eased.

The French decision last February to end conscription, move to a fully professional army by 2002, and limit defence spending raised fears in Bonn that Paris would reduce orders for jointly produced weapons systems and shift its attention away from the defence of Central Europe.

Charles Millon and Volker Rühe, the French and German Defence Ministers, said they would re-examine joint armaments projects with a view to reducing costs.

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'Tasteless' performance denounced as teacher is suspended over Holocaust question

French swimmers banned from Nazi routine at Olympics

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE French Government yesterday banned the national synchronised swimming team from performing a programme depicting the horrors of the Nazi Holocaust at next month's Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The team's plan to have swimmers goose-step into the Olympic pool before performing a four-minute programme representing Jews being selected for the gas chambers at Auschwitz provoked a storm of protests from Jewish and anti-racist groups in France.

Guy Drut, the Sports Minister, stepped in last night and ordered the team to "remove any allusions to the tragedy of the Holocaust" since the planned routine contained messages which could be misinterpreted".

In a separate but related row yesterday, the French Education Ministry suspended a school chemistry teacher who set a test question requiring pupils to calculate the amount of poison gas needed to kill Jewish victims of Nazi genocide.

The two unconnected events had both been condemned as offensive and tasteless by anti-racist and Jewish groups who say that the mass murder of Jews during the Second World War is being trivialised in France, thus promoting racism and encouraging "revisionist" history.

Hong Kong: Adrian de Almeida, 18, a Cantonese schoolboy, yesterday apologised to Hong Kong's Jewish community for any offence caused by his sale of Nazi memorabilia in his city centre shop (Tom Walker writes). He said he wanted only to do competitive business, not spread the idea of Nazism.

Several spectators objected to early viewings of the swimmers' performance although referees did not, Francis Luyce, the head of the French Swimming Federation, said. But he acknowledged: "We took a chance."

Nadine Shulman, a chemistry teacher at a school in the Paris suburb of Maurepas, was suspended for using the Holocaust as the basis for a test question for pupils aged 14 and 15. "Hitler killed Jews by locking them in lorries with exhaust fumes fed inside," Mme Shulman's test said. "With a truck volume of 50 cubic metres, what volume of carbon monoxide does it take to reach the fatal ratio of five per 1,000? If people took, on average, 20 minutes to die, what volume of carbon monoxide did the engine produce per hour?"

The teacher and the coach of the French synchronised swimming team defended their actions in similar ways, by claiming they were condemning rather than condoning the Holocaust.

Mme Shulman, who is married to a Jew and plans to write a book on the deportation of Jews, said that her test was intended to "denounce the Holocaust and not let it be forgotten", while Odile Petit, the Olympic coach, was quoted as saying: "Our message is an appeal to fight racism."

Jean-Paul Clémençon, technical director of the French Swimming Federation, said he was shocked by the reaction and insisted that the performance was intended to represent "the struggle against exclusion and intolerance".

Didier Deloris, headmaster of the Sept-Mares school in Maurepas, said he was "stupefied and enraged" that one of his staff had required pupils to make such a grotesque calculation. François Bayrou, the Education Minister, condemned the test as "intolerable" and said that Mme Shulman would face disciplinary action.

"There are facts which we cannot speak about in a banal way, which belong to the memory of humanity and which must be respected as sacred," the minister said.

The Holocaust motif adopted by the French Olympic synchronised swimming team had provoked equal fury. "The choice of theme is completely ridiculous and out of place in a sporting event," the Council of Jewish Institutions in France said.

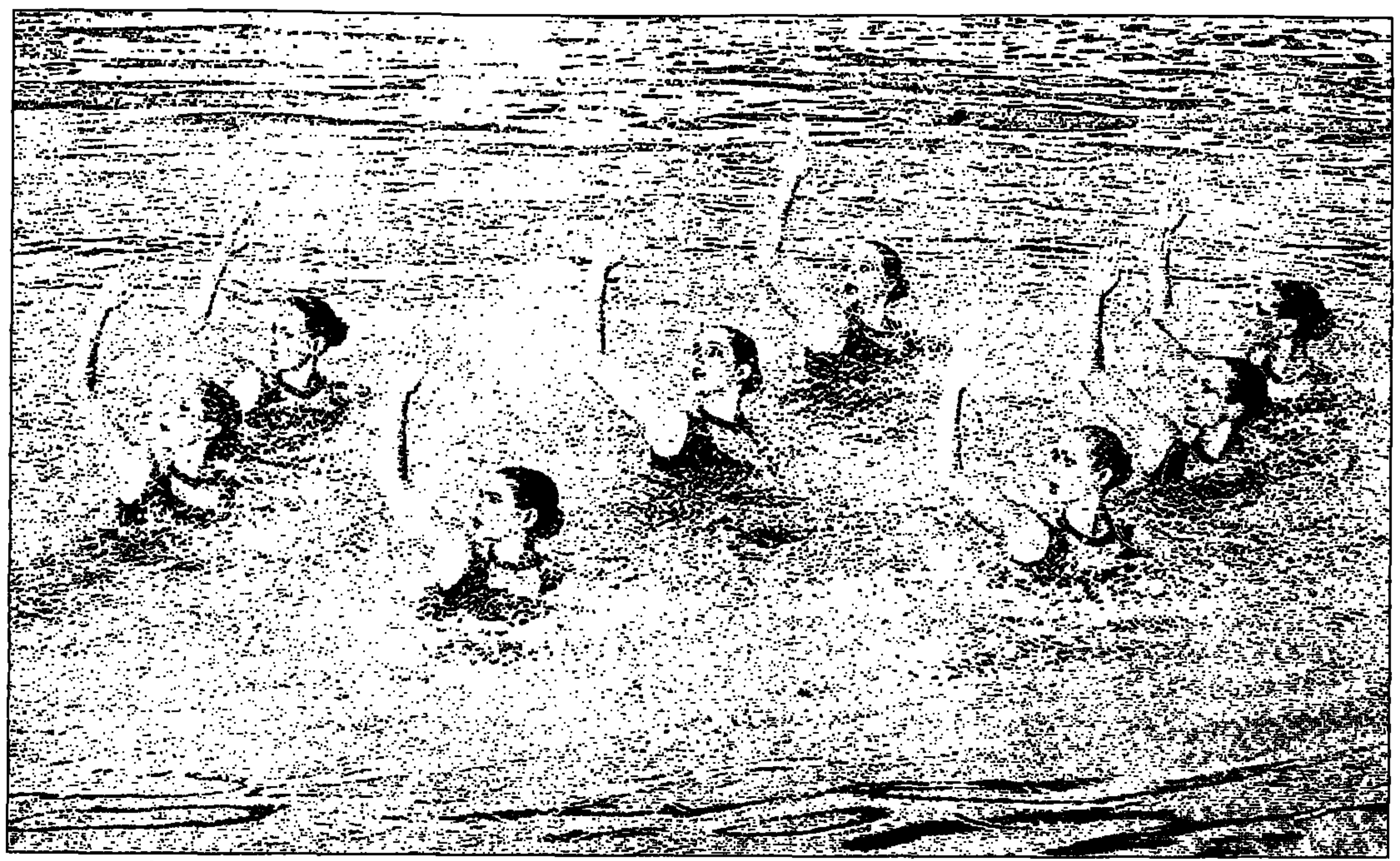
Anti-racist groups argue that reducing the worst mass murder in history to the stuff of mathematical calculation or aquatic ballet was promoting revisionism. The French Movement Against Racism insisted that treating the murder of Jews as little more than a quiz question was "abominable, immoral and unacceptable".

"How can one still call onself a teacher while damaging the conscience of young adolescents in this way?" the group demanded.

In New York, a spokesman for the World Jewish Congress said: "This terrible and tragic period of history has to be delt with utmost sensitivity", but added: "I believe the intentions of the swimmers are good."

The uproar follows the controversy surrounding Abbé Pierre, the French priest widely condemned for supporting a book by revisionist historian Roger Garaudy which claims the Holocaust has been exaggerated. Abbé Pierre, who helped to smuggle Jews out of occupied France, has refused to retract his defence of the book, titled *The Founding Myths of Israeli Politics*.

The 83-year-old priest, hitherto consistently voted France's most popular man, is currently "on retreat" in Switzerland. Last week he claimed he was the victim of the media and "the international Zionist lobby".



Members of the French synchronised swimming team performing earlier this year at the national championships in Amiens

Seoul fury as Tokyo MP denies war 'sex slavery'

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

SOUTH Koreans reacted furiously yesterday to a hardline Japanese politician's claim that Asian women were not forced into sexual slavery by the Japanese Imperial Army, but served in military brothels of their own free will as a "commercial activity".

The claim by Seisuke Okuno, a member of parliament's lower house and former Education Minister, that Japan did no wrong unleashed protests in Seoul, and reinforced Koreans' misgivings about a plan to co-host the World Cup in 2002 with their historical oppressor.

Women gathered outside the Japanese Embassy in Seoul to denounce Mr Okuno's remarks as deeply offensive to the thousands of women coerced into sexual servitude by the Japanese military before and during the Second World War and to reiterate demands that Tokyo make amends to survivors.

"A sincere apology and compensation based on international law should be made to the comfort women if the 2002 World Cup finals are to be co-hosted successfully by Japan and South Korea," said a statement handed out by the protesters, who belong to the Korean Council for Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan. Several Korean newspapers condemned Mr Okuno for implying that women volunteered as prostitutes for gain.

Historians say as many as 200,000 women, mostly Korean, were rounded up to serve as sex slaves to the Japanese army as it marched through China and South-East Asia. In 1993 Japan officially acknowledged its involvement in military sexual slavery. But Mr Okuno, 82, is one of a growing number of influential conservatives in politics and business trying to "beautify" Japan's image by denying women were coerced into brothels and rebutting atrocities by troops.

> ‘Japan's forces may have given transport for comfort women, but did not force them to go’

On Tuesday, Mr Okuno launched the League to Achieve a Bright Japan comprising 116 backbenchers of the dominant Liberal Democratic Party who want Japan to stop apologising for supposed aggression before and during the Second World War. The new nationalist pressure group bitterly opposes the decision by Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, to write a letter of apology to former comfort women. Mr Hashimoto admits to difficulty in choosing from among a score or so apologetic expressions, "because I must make sure the content of the letter does not lead to individual lawsuits being lodged". Tokyo is concerned a formal apology may give ammunition to women seeking compensation through the courts.

The Government has ruled out compensation from state coffers and set up the Asian Women's Fund last July to collect private-sector donations. About 300 survivors of wartime sexual slavery living in South Korea, the Philippines and Taiwan will receive at least 2 million yen (£12,000) each, said fund officials yesterday.

Hardline conservatives who have long promoted a sanitised version of history pour contempt on Mr Hashimoto and other government leaders who show remorse for dark chapters of Japan's war record. "The Japanese forces may have arranged transportation for them [comfort women] to go to the war fronts for their job, but did not force them to go," said Mr Okuno.

Ndungane: spent four years on Robben Island

Tutu to be replaced by former prisoner

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

A BLACK cleric who spent four years as a political prisoner on Robben Island, the jail where Nelson Mandela was held for most of his imprisonment, is to succeed Archbishop Desmond Tutu as Primate of South Africa's Cape Town diocese and head of the Anglican Church — the Church of the Province.

Njongonkulu Winston Ndungane, 56, the Bishop of Kimberley and Kuruman, will succeed Archbishop Tutu, 64, who is due to retire at the end of September after ten turbulent years.

Bishop Ndungane has been chosen by an elective assembly of senior clerics and church representatives after a two-day secret conclave in Cape Town. His closest rival was Duncan Buchanan, the Bishop of Johannesburg, but the result of the ballot, in which the successful candidate had to win two-thirds of the 575 votes, was not disclosed.

Like Archbishop Tutu, Bishop Ndungane favours the growing incorporation of African traditional practice, such as dancing and singing, into church ritual and the ordination of women.

The bishop was a member of the Pan Africanist Congress when he was imprisoned in 1963 for furthering the objectives of a banned organisation.

Yesterday he said he received his calling to God "while doing my national service on the island". He said, however, that he had no contact with Mr Mandela who "was a VIP prisoner".

Archbishop Tutu was appointed to his post in 1986 after serving as Bishop of Johannesburg and secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

He identified strongly with the people of Soweto, the sprawling black township outside Johannesburg where he grew up, and adopted the role of a political priest during the worst and most violent years of apartheid.

Burma steps up attack on opposition

FROM REUTER IN RANGOON

BURMA'S military Government broadened its attacks on Aung San Suu Kyi, the democracy leader yesterday with a newspaper commentary saying that she could not be trusted to be a leader because she has a British husband.

Referring to Daw Suu Kyi as the "puppet princess", a commentary in the state-run *New Light of Myanmar* (Burma), said the 1991 Nobel Peace laureate could not be trusted to keep state secrets if she were to become the country's leader.

"Will the wife not let her husband know in the least matters that are connected with the affairs of the State?" asked the article, which was written under the pen name "Patriot".

The commentary said: "In scrutinising the matter of safeguarding the country from dangers and from the point of view of security of the state, it is quite obvious that she cannot be trusted in the least." Burma's official media are seen as the mouthpiece of the Rangoon military regime, the State Law and Order Restoration Council.

Daw Suu Kyi has repeatedly been attacked verbally for her marriage to Michael Aris, an Oxford academic. The junta says that she is not a true Burmese because she lived abroad for many years and married a foreigner.

Over the past two weeks, Burma has stepped up its propaganda against foreign interference in the country, calling Daw Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy party the stooges of imperialists. On Tuesday, the *New Light of Myanmar* carried a veiled warning that the party might be outlawed, and attacked the group's recent plan to draft a constitution.

The party angered the country's rulers in November when it pulled out of a government-controlled convention drafting the guidelines of a constitution.

Burma has been ruled by the military since a 1962 coup. The country's last constitution was revoked in 1988 when the military suppressed a democracy uprising.

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‘I don’t want to be deaf, mummy’

Lord Ashley has been criticised for supporting ear implants for deaf children. Win Blackmore tells why she is fully behind his campaign

A deaf child learns sign language at school: Win Blackmore has promised her daughter Siân that they will learn together. Another adventure

Siân: a flicker of hope

My daughter Siân is deaf. She is seven. A feisty gremlin with wild black hair, scowling eyes and a pair of tiny translucent ears that really do look shell-like and are amazingly, preposterously, useless.

She was two when we discovered she was deaf, two when she wore her first hearing aid: your basic beige contraptions that look enormous hooked over those dainty, useless ears. We had to sit on her to get her to wear them then: one of us wrestling with her as she thrashed about on the floor, the other attempting to thread the hearing aids into the moving target.

Now she puts them in herself. She calls them her "ears" and in a way they are. She knows better than anybody else that they are her link to the outside world. The hearing world in which she lives, and, like it or not, in which she must inevitably make her way. Unlike Lord Ashley of Stoke, Siân's hearing damage is neural. She would not benefit from a cochlear implant, though when I mentioned such a thing to her — an operation that could, perhaps, make deaf children hear again — her face brightened in wonder at the thought.

I explained to her, gently, that hers is not the sort of deafness that could be helped by this sort of miracle cure. She explained to me, in the smug and superior way that only seven-year-old girls can adopt, that she knew this already. The doctor had pointed it out on the wall chart one day, she said: her problem lies somewhere behind "that thing that looks like a giant snail". Even so, I could see the flicker of hope in her eyes.

I told her that some people — some deaf people — are unsure about this operation. They worry about what it will do to them, to their deaf children, to their deaf world. They think deaf people are part of a separate culture, and they want to be left alone with their silence, not bothered by meddling hearing busybodies — or meddling deafened busybodies like Lord Ashley — proffering help they neither want, nor need.

Unbidden, my daughter sat up in bed, pyjamas askew, eyes suddenly full of tears, answering the question I was too afraid to put to her. "I don't want to be deaf, mummy," she said. "I don't want to be deaf."

I don't want my daughter to be deaf either. Being able to hear is not some optional extra like a sunroof on a new car. I believe God meant us to have five senses: sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch. Four out of five can never be good enough.

My daughter is disabled. I do not like to say it. I do not like, particularly, to think about it. I do not dwell on it, not because I am a saint, but because it is easy to forget, with Siân, that it is so. But it is so. Her deafness is not some interesting character at work. It is not a membership card to some special silent sub-culture. It is a loss. An absence.

It is a risk to her safety every time she walks along a busy street. It's a barricade to a world of beautiful things, such as music, which the rest of us take for granted. It is not. I can assure you — speaking as one who hails from a family larded with Welsh people — the slightest bit like being Welsh.

The people who say this are trying, I think, to escape the restrictions the hearing world has imposed on them. See, they say, nothing wrong with us. We have our own language, our own culture, our own heritage. It's you who has the problem. But by seeking to escape the restrictions of the hearing world in this way — by opting out of the game and starting their own — they are creating a whole new set of restrictions for themselves, and their children. In their game, they are normal, but the world as a whole plays by a different set of rules, and that is a game I want my daughter to play.

> ‘Being able to hear is not some optional extra like a sunroof on a new car. God meant us to have five senses’

With the advice from her teachers for the deaf, we made a decision to move Siân from a special hearing unit to her neighbourhood school three years ago. It was, we felt — feel — the right thing to do. The right thing, not the easy thing. Equipped with her own version of the bionic ear — hearing aids and the cumbersome but necessary radio aid ("I hate this damn thing," she mutters each morning as I clip the device round her waist) she plays the game.

I remember talking to her teachers, hearing about her successes in the classroom and her bewildering, heartbreaking, isolation on the playground. How she spent playtime after playtime sitting alone on the wall, watching the other children.

All that laughing, all that shouting, all that noise so confusing for a small person whose hearing aids are distressingly non-discriminating. "I'm miserable on the playground," she confided once. "I know I'm not very nice sometimes, but nobody wants to play my games. And I can't play their games, because they're always whispering."

I remember watching her in her first school play: standing at the front of the hall singing *Oats and Beans and Barley Grow*, wearing an enormous grin, with her hearing aids flopping out at right angles from each side of her head, helped forward by the twisted leads of her radio aid.

It is not the perfect system. Sometimes the transmitter parts of the radio aids get lost in the shuffle of a busy school day, sometimes there are accidents: leads get tangled and broken, antennae drop off and are never seen again.

> ‘Nobody wants to play my games. And I can’t play their games, because they’re always whispering’

But it is working. My daughter speaks well. Not perfectly, but so well you'd never guess that with her hearing aids removed I have to press my lips against her right ear — her "good ear" — and bellow to make myself understood. She does not sign, though she is keen to learn. So am I. I have promised her that we will learn together. Another adventure.

One of those who criticised Lord Ashley this week was a deaf father of three deaf children. "If you were black, you wouldn't have an operation to make you white," he said, admonishing the man who opted to escape his silent world by surgery. The angry statement made me stop and think. Is it offensive to black people? Probably. And deaf people? Possibly. Definitely offensive to Lord Ashley. And yet, I have to say that given a choice — a fairy godmother-sort of wish with strings attached — *I would rather my daughter was black and hearing, than white and deaf.*

That way, when I whispered in her ear at night I love you, she would hear me.

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Modified blood test finds the tumour

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

WHEN Theresa retired from the Civil Service in her late fifties she hoped for a long and peaceful retirement and that her life, spent travelling the world, would be disturbed only by the ghost who shared her West Country cottage. She had already survived cancer of the breast, and had had no recurrence following a mastectomy several years earlier.

The dream of a long retirement was shattered, however, when she had a routine check at her breast clinic. Because of the association between breast and ovarian cancer, she underwent an ultrasound examination of her pelvis which showed she already had a large ovarian tumour. *General Practitioner* magazine reports that Dr Ian Jacobs of St Bartholomew's Hospital recently presented data to the American Society of Clinical Oncologists which has demonstrated a refinement in the testing for the tumour markers CAI25 and OVXI which are useful in revealing cancer of the ovary during medical screening.

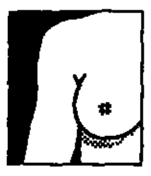
More than 80 per cent of women who have malignant ovarian disease have a raised level of these antigens in the blood, but the standard test used at present shows that only one in 50 of those who have this raised level has the disease. The tumour market test as modified by Dr Jacobs reduces this high false positive rate; with his test, 7 in 50 who are positive to it have the malignancy. The diagnosis of cancer by detecting antigen blood markers in the blood is still in its infancy, but Dr Jacobs's work represents an advance.

Cancer of the ovary affects about ten women in every hundred thousand each year; it is the most common cause of death from a gynaecological tumour and about one woman in a hundred dies from it. Women at particular risk are those who have not had any children, have a family history of it, or have had breast or colo-rectal cancer.

A review by Dr Neelan Siddiqui, a medical oncologist in Newcastle, in *GP* magazine shows Theresa's case was typical for she had had no children, she had developed the cancer at the most dangerous age — the average age of onset is 55 — and she had never taken the pill. The contraceptive pill cuts the incidence of cancer of the ovary by at least 30 per cent.

As in Theresa's case, the disease is often first diagnosed by chance when a tumour in the pelvis is noticed either during physical examination or by abdominal or intra-vaginal ultrasound. If diagnosis is delayed the patient has usually consulted her doctor because of abdominal distension and discomfort, bladder symptoms, weight loss, cough or breathlessness. Treatment has improved but early diagnosis still offers the best hope of recovery.

HRT and breast cancer



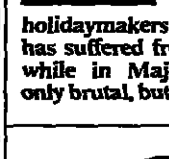
THE Princess of Wales has received a filmstar-type reception in Chicago where she is attending various functions to aid research into breast cancer. Her interest in this research helps to keep the subject of breast cancer in the news. For although, unlike cancer of the ovary, its prognosis is relatively good, public awareness of the disease and the need for early detection still play an important part in reducing the death rate.

A recent report in the journal of the National Cancer Institute has drawn attention to the difficulties of diagnosing breast cancer by mammography when the woman is taking HRT and her breast tissue is very dense. In an American review of 9,000 post-menopausal women, those taking HRT were 71 per cent more likely to have a false positive report.

More disturbing was the fivefold increase in the number of false negative reports. These come from X-ray reports where the radiologist has missed an early cancer. In many cases the radiologist wasn't aware that the patient was taking HRT. In Britain too, it seems, radiologists aren't always informed that a woman is on HRT.

The best results in breast screening are obtained when the standard of films taken is high, the radiologists are expert in their interpretation, and when comparison with films taken at previous screening sessions is possible.

Brutal act of ignorance



THE rejection of Michaela Leyland as a travelling companion by a plane full of returning holidaymakers because she has suffered from meningitis while in Majorca was not only brutal, but also displayed a gross ignorance of the life history and spread of meningococcal bacteria.

Michaela was probably the one person on the flight who could be guaranteed to be free of meningococci. One in ten people have the bacteria living in their throats and noses although they are perfectly well, but the very first penicillin jab given to Michaela, when she fell ill, would have cleared her body of the bacteria. Michaela's very distressing and potentially lethal symptoms of meningitis were as a result of toxins released by the bacteria which are not, of course, neutralised by the antibiotic.

Aircraft air conditioning filters out bacteria, but not viruses. Hence the colds from which airline passengers suffer after they have reached their destination. Coughing can spread bacteria to fellow passengers sitting nearby and there is increasing evidence that TB is transmitted in this way. If there are any empty seats it might be as well to move away from a thin, cachectic passenger who is coughing lustily, but there can be no medical excuse for banning poor Michaela.

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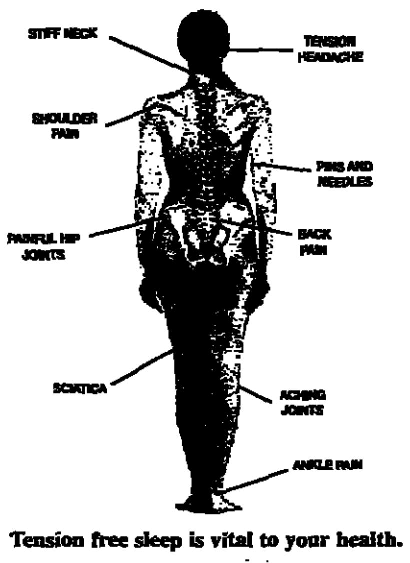

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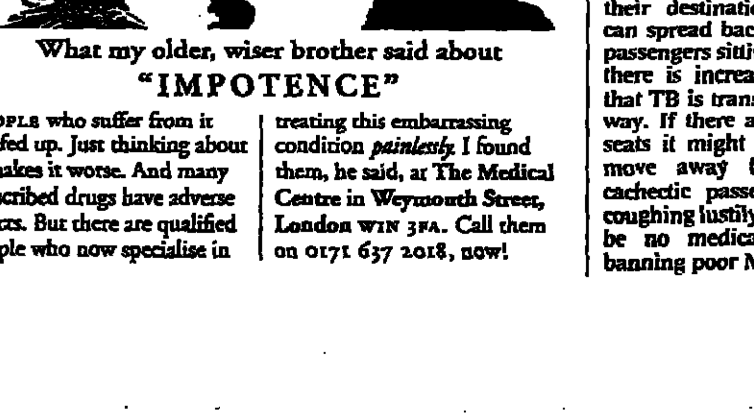
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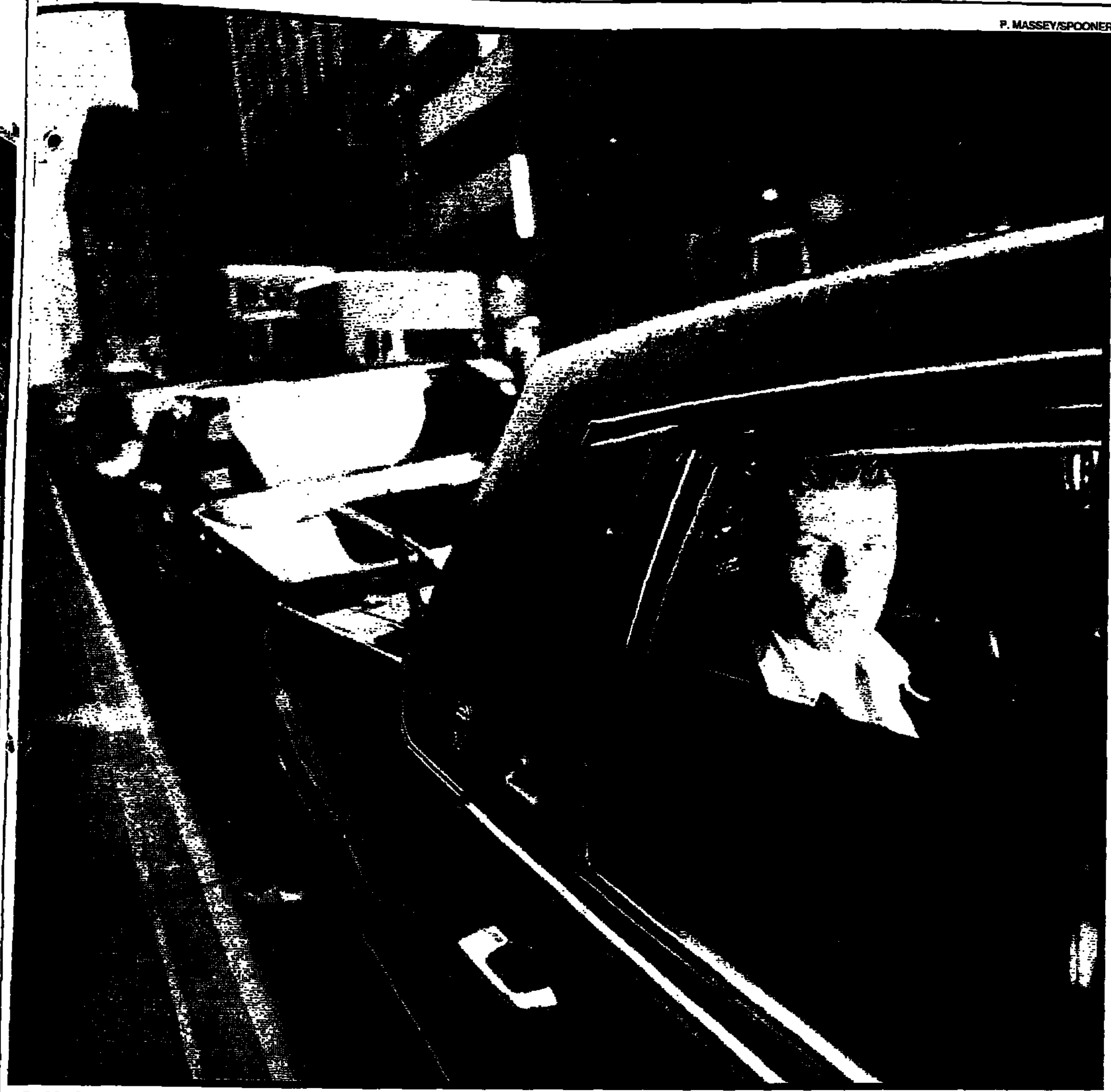

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Inside the glass menagerie: public transport might be more eco-friendly, but the film star Sean Bean prefers to peer out at the world from his limousine

Driven to be in a world of their own

Julia Llewellyn Smith on why those who are chauffeured from place to place are in danger of losing touch with what is going on in real life

Sir Owen Green spent 30 years sitting in the back of an air-conditioned limousine, atching a silent world rough tinted windows. But *hen he retired three years* go as chairman of BTR, the olding company, he had to urrender his company driver nd get behind the wheel *imself.*

After a few weeks of fuming ı traffic jams on the M25, he egan to question whether riving a car was worth the other. *Now he is a whole*earted convert to public ansport.

"You come in contact with rdinary people again," he ays, "and if you are the sort of erson who picks up the vibes, *en you really get* a grip on hat's going on. It's been quite revelation.

"We hardly have any *local* ransport in Surrey, so I have *use my car, but I take the* rain whenever I can and in ondon I go by Tube. It's more onvenient than the car and I njoy it. I went to Victoria itation and I was amazed. *I* an't *have* been there for 15 ears and there were escalaors, marbled floors and everyhing looked clean."

Sir Owen's greatest interest comes from observing his fellow passengers. "I have noticed the absence of the 'feel-good' *factor. No one is jumping* with joy and people are rather greyish in their dress, both females and males. There's not a lot of laughter — *but perhaps there never was. I* don't see a lot of colour, in fact London is a lot what I imagine China to be like. Perhaps it will be different now that summer is here.

"Then there are the twangers, playing their guitars on the Underground, which is a bit of light relief. I *notice that people do throw the* odd 10p to them, which is nice to see."

Perhaps everyone looks grey to Sir Owen because they are all demoralised by endless security alerts, rising fares *and compartments* like sardine cans. Maybe they are looking miserable because they are envying plutocrats who are chauffeured around in company cars? "Maybe," he concedes.

"I'm fortunate because I'm retired and I don't have to *travel in the rush-hour,* so I don't see the system at its worst. But on the Underground, of course, every hour is rush-hour and I don't mind *standing.*"

> Isolation attracts us to cars and that seems unlikely to change — it is in this feeling that danger lies

Sir Owen is in a *minority. According to Dr Peter Marsh,* a social psychologist, most people love their vehicles precisely because they keep the common herd at bay. "Isola*tion is what attracts us to cars* and that seems unlikely to change," he says. "Being behind a wheel makes you feel in control of your destiny: you *make your own decisions, you* play your own music and you feel omnipotent."

It is in this feeling of seclusion that danger lies. "Being detached from the outside world is the main cause of *road rage,*" Dr Marsh *says.* "There is a territorial aspect to a car and any slight to that makes you very aggressive."

At Westminster, any politically-correct MP will waste gallons of hot air telling you to abandon your gas-guzzler. In reality, however, most agree with Steven Norris, the former *Transport Minister, who fam*ously described users of public transport as "dreadful human beings".

"The number of cyclists in *the Commons just about goes* into double figures," says a shamefaced Gary Waller, MP, the secretary of the all-party cycling group. "As soon as *ministers get a chance to use a* ministerial car, they forget all about bikes."

The poor dears cannot, apparently, cope with the sartori*al stress of having to take their* bicycle clips on and off.

A long list of B-list celebs, from Michaela Strachan to Anna Friel, who played Beth *in Brookside, have put their* names to the Friends of the Earth "Fuming Mad" campaign to discourage the use of cars — yet they can regularly be *seen tripping* out of stretched limos at premieres. "Just because they are supporting us, it doesn't necessarily mean they don't drive," an *FoE spokesman says.*

The great and the good who can be regularly spotted using public transport include Bamber Gascoigne, who has been *seen* strap-hanging on the Picadilly Line, while — and no surprises here — Emma Thompson takes every opportunity she can to share the *horrors of the Northern Line* with the plebs, all the while *trying* unsuccessfully to hide behind a copy of *The Guardian.*

Jon Snow, the Channel 4 presenter, has a limousine and driver *permanently at his* disposal, but says he has not used it for "yonks", preferring to speed about town on his bicycle.

"My cycling informs my job 100 per cent," he says. "You see things on a bicycle that you would never see in a car and you have contacts with the most unlikely people. You wouldn't believe how many *insightful conversations* I've had with dispatch riders."

Paula Whitney, a 56-year-old grandmother, was a slave to the car for more than 30 *years. Then, two years ago,* her little blue Metro broke down and she decided to give up driving for ever.

"I've never regretted it," she *says. "I had been worrying* about the environment for a long time, but I had never contemplated giving up my car. Then I started catching *the bus and grew to love it.*"

Like Sir Owen, Ms Whitney finds life is far more convivial *when you take public* transport. "On the bus you have to interact with the other passengers. Everyone says 'excuse me' and 'thank you' when they get off, even the youngsters, when it is a service they have paid to use. It's a far more pleasant way of living than sitting in a metal box, where you think you are invulnerable."

Will more luminaries follow Ms Whitney's example? The eco warrior Anita Roddick drives her Volkswagen Golf to the Body Shop's headquarters in Littlehampton, Surrey. "We're a bit out in the sticks here, so you need a car," *explains a spokesman.*

And we are yet to see that friend of the plants the Prince of Wales — who once sent his limousine to pick up his organic vegetables — jostling with commuters on the station *at Windsor.*

How El Tel finally fell from grace

Giles Coren on the day that the halo slipped from the saviour of England's national game

The thin veneer of respectability on "the saviour of English football" has finally cracked. Terry Venables's appear*ances on television this week* have borne all the trademarks of insecurity, delusion and neurosis that beset fallen idols.

For years he was untouchable, doing everything right. At least on the surface. He represented England at every level from schoolboy to manager, led small clubs to great things, managed Tottenham and Barcelona, even wrote novels and opened a nightclub, Scribes West, in Kensington.

And it was all a sop to the press. Scribes, indeed, became a hangout for the *Daily Mail* hacks who, like all but a very few football writers, have given Venables such unquestioning support.

His business dealings have been the subject of sports page jokery, rather than true suspicion. Allegations of favouritism have always petered away, despite the unarguable fact that he has filled his team with the former Spurs players he once nurtured.

For Venables is the most litigious man in sport. Even his partiality for players represented by the agent Eric Hall, a close friend, has gone barely remarked upon in the press.

While many expressed private reservations about the appointment of an England manager with so many court cases hanging over him, the sports pages have chosen, with unique restraint, to class *him innocent until* proven guilty.

For there is no room for ambiguity in football, or football journalism. Lineker, *Keegan and Hoddle* are good. Vinny Jones, Graham Taylor and the Germans are bad. Taylor was vilified personally because he advocated "route one" football. Venables plays a passing game which is "good", therefore he is "good".

It is no exaggeration, within the simplicity of the football equation, to say that if Norman Lamont had propounded a system of three central defenders playing behind a midfield built around Paul Gascoigne, he would still be Chancellor.

Terry Venables: litigious

Quickly forgotten is Venables's charge of bringing the game into disrepute, when he ran onto the pitch during a match in 1982. Forgotten too are the acrimonious circumstances surrounding his departure from Crystal Palace. Circumstances which, predictably, took all concerned to court.

Venables did not fall, publicly, until Tuesday. And then, how he fell. Questioning the word of Cathay Pacific after the £5,000 *smash-up debacle,* he spoke with the voice of a hardened conspiracy theorist.

And now he wields the class weapon, claiming that *such opprobrium would not* have been directed at an England rugby team. This is a misplaced tirade — for it is *his very status* as working-class hero cum cockney rebel that has secured his reverence in the media. He clearly perceives it as an ethic of two halves.

Then there were his demands for "proof" — the last resort of the declining hero: "Have you got any proof? Have you got any photographs? Let me see them."

Sound familiar? In iambic pentameters it might look something like this:

"Villain, be sure thou
prove my love a whore.
Be sure of it. Give me the
ocular proof…"

Thus spoke Othello at the very moment his fall was assured. All the good work, *the triumphant campaigns,* and the hard-earned reputation were as nothing. Pity poor Desdemona Lynam.

Venables will not have to *follow Othello all the way to* his tragic end, however, for he surprisingly fell on his sword even before Euro 96 got under way — citing the imminent court appearances that by no means prevented him accepting the job in the first place. At any rate, he is beginning to act like a man with nothing to lose.

But in the coming weeks, as Euro 96 colonises our screens, Venables will be answering to more than just the football crazy. Never mind that he stood by his players when they misbe*haved:* people will point out that he has made the team in his own image. That the Robbie Fowlers, the Steve McManamans and the Gazzas are simply yobs that fit with Venables's post-*Loaded* notion of a Lads XI. Fowler and McManaman, indeed, have learnt further lessons from their boss, and initiated legal proceedings *over the Cathay affair.*

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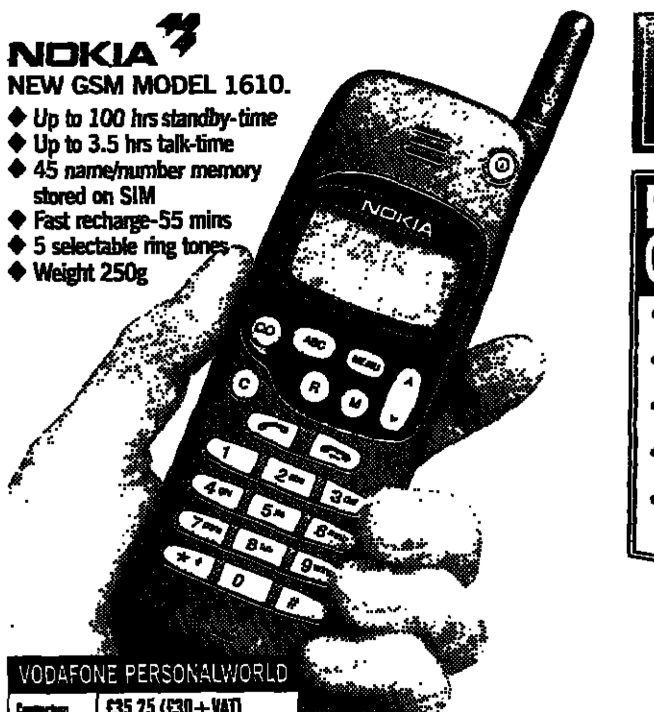

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For Pacific tiger cubs, maths is fun

The Scots dominie is flourishing in China, says **Magnus Linklater**

Four times two is eight, four time three is twelve, four times four is sixteen. Sitting in rows behind our little wooden desks, we chanted our times tables in shrill voices, while Miss Pirie conducted us like a ragged chamber orchestra. An uncertain diminuendo as we hit the difficult bits would be followed by a crescendo leading up to the triumphant finale: twelve times twelve is 144. This was primary school education as I remember it. Chris Woodhead would have been delighted.

Mr Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, is in despair about our maths teaching today. In the course of a gloomy interview on *Panorama* this week, he said that there are "significant problems" about the way it is taught in England (Scotland was, perhaps mercifully, excluded). A survey has shown that pupils at English primary schools are up to two years behind their contemporaries in parts of Europe and the Far East. They are particularly poor in basic arithmetic. Two decades of progressive teaching seems to have failed in one of its basic aims: pupils organised in small groups rather than whole classes receive less direct teaching time than they had before.

I wish I could direct Mr Woodhead to Miss Pirie's class at Nigg Primary School in the north of Scotland, because we learnt, I think, a great deal in those early years, and it stuck with us for life. But it has closed, and Miss Pirie, alas, is no longer with us. As for chanting in class, that was consigned to the educational waste-bin many years ago. But whole-class teaching is back in vogue. Mr Woodhead favours it, Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, likes it and so does David Blunkett, her Labour shadow. Its most enthusiastic adherents, however, as *Panorama* showed, are on Asia's Pacific Rim, and it is perhaps there that we should seek some lessons for today.

To find out how it works, Malcolm Thyne, the headmaster of Fettes College in Edinburgh, and a colleague from Lomond School near Glasgow, went out last month to Guangdong in southern China. Fettes, which once had a tradition of exporting missionaries to China, has for some time been taking pupils from South-East Asia, and Mr Thyne was struck by how often they outperform their British counterparts, particularly in maths and science. They arrive at Fettes more skilled and confident, and carry this advantage through to the end of their time at school, winning more A levels and university places.

At the Ying Hao school in Guangdong, Mr Thyne sat in on classes where serried rows of primary school children learnt tables by rote, committed sums to memory, and worked with an abacus rather than a calculator. Classes are large by British standards, many of them 40 or more, but they were easily controlled by just one teacher. No more time was spent on maths than any other subject, and there was relatively little homework; there was no great sense of pressure, and Mr Thyne was struck by the enthusiasm of the children he met. They insisted on showing off their knowledge, reciting for his benefit the names of every capital city in Europe. They demonstrated gleefully how they could do basic sums faster with an abacus than a calculator. Above all, they seemed to be enjoying school. So impressed was Mr Thyne that he wants to set up a swap arrangement with Fettes.

But before Mr Woodhead buys a return ticket to China, some caveats must be registered. Ying Hao is hardly a run-of-the-mill state school. Founded three years ago by a Chinese businessman, Chen Zhong Lian, it is a private school, where parents pay £20,000 down to enrol their children. This is invested and pays for the entire course. A secondary school has been added, and there are already 2,000 pupils — startling testimony, if nothing else, to the burgeoning wealth of southern China. There is a natural thirst for knowledge, and a respect for teachers which is hardly prevalent in Britain today. In some ways, their status is reminiscent of that once enjoyed by the Scottish "dominie".

They recite tables, memorise sums, use the abacus

There is a long tradition of numeracy in South-East Asia, evidenced by a love of gambling and by the entrepreneurial spirit that drives the "tiger" economies. A familiarity with figures which begins at home is likely to be carried forward into school. Mr Thyne himself speculates whether it may have something to do with the hundreds of intricate characters in the Chinese alphabet which every child learns. There is the natural discipline of the classroom, though it is hard to say whether that stems from the rigours of the Communist system, or from the ruthless control on the birthrate, resulting in single-child families. It is unlikely to transplant easily to a sprawling mixed-ability comprehensive in inner-city Manchester, say, or Glasgow.

And yet there are useful lessons. One is that learning by rote, the absorbing of knowledge *en masse*, far from being a deadening experience, can be enjoyable, even stimulating. Another is that in the very young, of whatever nationality, there is a natural enthusiasm for learning (I was struck by evidence at the Dunblane inquiry which recalled how excited the children were at the simple prospect of beginning their daily gym class). And there is the confidence that a grounding in simple numeracy gives any child: acting as a foundation for creativity, rather than muzzling it.

As a teacher himself, Mr Thyne came away from Guangdong with one final thought. He was struck by how relaxed the teachers were, even after an hour with a class of 40. It was, he thought, far less exhausting than trying to teach three or four individual groups in a class of 25. Size, it seems, is not everything.

"It's beef in our time..."

Hillary loses the Post

Deserted by the media, the First Lady now looks likely to be indicted

William Rees-Mogg

Ten days ago, before the convictions of Governor Jim Guy Tucker and the two McDougals for fraud, the Whitewater affair was almost as much a press story as a political one. For four years there had been serious allegations against President Clinton, and solid evidence for those allegations, but most of the investigative reporting had been done outside the columns of the establishment press or the three network television news programmes. To know about the evidence, an ordinary American would have had to rely on the leader rather than the news columns of *The Wall Street Journal*, on small-circulation magazines such as the *American Spectator*, on newsletters and the Internet, on the reporting of Christopher Ruddy in the *Pittsburg Tribune-Review*, on Ambrose Evans-Pritchard's journalism in the London *Sunday Telegraph*, or on the interest that has been taken by *The Times* — of London, not of New York.

It was as though the American establishment press, which exposed President Nixon over Watergate, had decided to protect President Clinton over Whitewater, and over the mystery of Vincent Foster's death and the other scandals. The big press question has been whether the silence of the establishment media would continue after the convictions. Last Sunday, *The Washington Post* broke it. The paper published a series of linked articles, extending over four pages, reviewing Hillary Clinton's connection with the scandals. There is no doubt that these articles were thoroughly researched, using the *Post*'s substantial resources, and they are damaging to Hillary Clinton. They were published the weekend after the convictions, but they must have been put in hand well before. If the convictions had not occurred, one may reasonably assume that *The Washington Post* would have decided not to publish, and the silence might have become permanent.

How damaging these articles are can best be judged from the Whitehouse reaction. "Two lawyers on the Whitehouse staff who have been assigned to handle Whitewater-related matters, Jane Sherburne, special counsel to the President, and Mark Fabiani, associate special counsel to the President, were informed about the scope of the article and asked to offer responses to each of its eight main sections . . . Fabiani and Sherburne dismissed the main points of the article as trivial and disputable and accused *The Post* of following a partisan Republican agenda." Given *The Washington Post's* past reluctance to give credence to the evidence of the Clinton scandals, that is a breathtaking piece of impertinence. The White House apparently believes that it is impartial for a newspaper to stay silent, but partisan to want to look at the evidence.

The Washington Post put headings on each of the sections, and these give something of the flavour of the article. "The Lawyer — The Billing Records — Sixty Hours — Brewers and Sewers — Dealing with Seth Ward — Getting Out — Full Disclosure". Each leaves questions for Hillary to answer. "Why and how did Hillary Clinton take on McDougal and Madison as her clients? Did Hillary see the [billing] records back in 1992 when questions were first raised about her legal work? If she did, why did she not release them to the public then — before they went missing — or at least summarise them in discussions with the press? Has she truly been committed to full disclosure? What role did she play, if any, in [the billings'] disappearance and rediscovery? By whatever name, Castle Grande or IDC, what did Hillary Clinton actually do in the 30 hours of work the billing records show she did for Madison in connection with the property? What was Hillary Clinton's relationship with Ward?"

Janice Green was one of the Arkansas jurors in the trial which convicted Jim Guy Tucker and the McDougals. The trial was primarily concerned with the Castle Grande property transactions, which the jury found to be fraudulent. Whitewater itself, which was a separate partnership between the Clintons and McDougals, relates to Castle Grande as a kind of baby syndicate. After the trial, Janice Green said to the Associated Press: "I think he [Clinton] and his wife had just as much to do with it." That is the implication of *The Washington Post's* questions, as well as of the evidence at the trial itself.

Take for instance the events of February 28, 1986, the key date in the Castle Grande fraud. Seth Ward — who has not been charged — has been termed the "straw" buyer of properties for Madison, which under the regulations Madison could not lawfully buy for itself. He is also the father-in-law of Webster Hubbell, the convict who was then a partner of Hillary Clinton's in the Rose Law Firm. "The billing records also showed that she spent nearly an hour with Ward on February 28, 1986 . . . In a complicated manoeuvre that day, Jim Guy Tucker, the future governor who was then practising law, bought the sewer system from Ward for $1.2 million, fully financed by a Madison loan and $150,000 from David Hale of Capital Management Services, Inc. At the same time, Hale netted $500,000 from a Madison loan, which he used to leverage $1.5 million from the Small Business Administration. Of that he loaned $300,000 to Susan McDougal. Everyone involved benefited from these loan swaps."

The Washington Post continues: "That intricate transaction was an important part of the trial that ended last week in the convictions of Tucker and the McDougals. Hale testified that his loan to Susan McDougal came only after Bill Clinton asked him to make it during a meeting at McDougal's Castle Grande sales trailer. Clinton has denied that allegation and repeated his denial under oath . . . Some of the money from the loan swaps — $50,000 — ended up in the Whitewater development account jointly held by the Clintons and McDougals . . . When Hillary Clinton was asked what she was doing with Ward during their February 28, 1986 meeting, she told RTC lawyers: 'I do not recall what I did on that day.'"

Despite *The Washington Times*, *The Washington Post* is virtually the monopoly newspaper of Washington. Along with *The New York Times*, it tends to set the political agenda, even for the network news programmes. Its Washington sources are better than anyone else's. It is the only newspaper ever to have forced an American President to resign. During the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln compared the power of the London *Times* to that of the Mississippi River. *The Washington Post* has a similar power in modern America to that of *The Times* in 19th-century Britain. For it to take the decision to expose Hillary Clinton's connection with Castle Grande is a political as well as a journalistic event.

My own view is that Hillary was, in effect, the lawyer to Bill's network, and that the really bad things, of which the Madison/Castle Grande/Whitewater transactions are a minor part, came from the network and not the lawyer. She sometimes quotes a sad little nursery rhyme to explain how she sees her position. "As I was standing in the street / As quiet as could be, / A great big ugly man came up / And tied his horse to me." I have some sympathy for her position — I think she was a consenting adult in the Madison merry-go-round, but I think she probably did not foresee the implications of marrying into the Arkansas network, of letting Bill Clinton tie his horse to her. Nevertheless, her fingerprints, metaphorically and literally, are on the documents. The indictments of Kenneth Starr, the special prosecutor, are climbing up the network of the Madison conspiracy; Governor Tucker represents the higher slope, but Hillary Clinton is the ridge that leads to the summit. The President himself is the summit.

Both the information and the tone of *The Washington Post* article suggest that that newspaper, the supreme Washington insider, has come to believe that Hillary Clinton may be, and perhaps ought to be, indicted. At the very least, given its past caution, it would not have published what it did unless it thought an indictment possible. Yet that is an explosive political possibility. If Kenneth Starr does decide to indict the First Lady, he will only do so when he has completed the sentence bargaining process with Governor Tucker, who is seriously ill, and the McDougals. He will need more evidence than is yet public, but *The Washington Post* evidence moves in that direction. If Hillary Clinton is indicted, it will presumably come after Bill has been renominated, but before the election in November: any trial itself would come after the election, presumably next year. Can the Democrats afford to nominate a President whose wife may be indicted during the campaign? If that happened, would the American public vote for him? No doubt many Democrats are looking with longing at the alternative of nominating their current Vice-President, Al Gore. But Bill Clinton is a risk-taker. It is not yet likely that the risk of Hillary being indicted will make him stand down.

A tale of two viruses

Alf Morris on the forgotten haemophiliacs

There is today a deep sense of injustice among people with haemophilia and their families. The tragic fate of three brothers explains why.

All three had haemophilia. Two — call them Bill and Tom — were infected with HIV by NHS treatment and died of Aids-related illnesses. Their brother — call him Fred — was infected with the hepatitis "C" virus (HCV), also by NHS treatment, and died of liver-failure. Bill and Tom received financial help from the Macfarlane Trust, funded by the Government, and were able to make some provision for their families. Fred went to his grave having been refused that help. He was unable to make any provision for the future wellbeing of his family.

All three brothers had become terminally ill and died from the same cause: contaminated NHS blood products. But Fred was denied the help given to Bill and Tom by a Government that provided £70 million for people infected with HIV, and set up the Macfarlane Trust to give them continuing support. The Government accepted its moral responsibility in the case of HIV infection. It has the same responsibility in the HCV cases.

It is argued that compensating those infected with HCV would take money away from patient care in the NHS. To say that is to bark not just up the wrong tree but in the wrong forest. For the payments made in the HIV cases, including those to the dependants of people who subsequently died because of Aids, came from contingency monies, which is what the Haemophilia Society is asking for now for the HCV victims. The society simply wants the terms of reference of the Macfarlane Trust to be extended to include them.

Measured against the pain and suffering endured, the claim is an extremely modest one. Hepatitis "C" attacks the liver and is life-threatening. Current medical opinion is that up to 80 per cent of those infected develop chronic liver disease. Of these, some 20 per cent develop severe liver problems such as cirrhosis or liver cancer. More than 50 of those infected by contaminated NHS blood products have already died and the death rate is accelerating.

This further tragedy in the haemophilia community dates back to before 1986, when heat treatment was introduced to end the contamination of NHS blood products. But by then 3,100 people with haemophilia alone had been infected with hepatitis "C". In recognition of the scale of the problem, an all-party early day motion was tabled in the Commons in my name, urging parity of treatment for people infected with HIV or HCV. The motion now has more than 260 signatories, a majority of all MPs who are free to sign such motions. As the list shows, the issue is treated not as one of Right and Left, but of right and wrong.

To sustain the call for parity, the Haemophilia Society recently reported the findings of in-depth research into the problems and needs of people infected with HCV but not yet seriously ill. The report describes the impact of HCV on them and their families. It is a disturbing document. Families are described trying to cope with sickness, loss of income, loss of jobs and loss of independence, while having to live with what they know may soon prove a terminal illness.

The most urgent need is for financial help to loosen the vice of reduced income and increased costs. More research is needed into treatment therapy and particularly into combination therapy. Other pressing needs are for a public education programme to explain the facts and dispel the myths about hepatitis "C"; and for the funding of recombinant clotting factors to replace the plasma-derived products that caused both the HIV and HCV infections. Recombinant products are free from the risk of blood-borne viruses, ensuring that further disasters do not befall the haemophilia community.

In none of the campaigns I have been closely involved in at Westminster over the years (among them Thalidomide; campaigns for the deaf-blind and for children with dyslexia and autism; for war widows, the elderly people duped by Barlow Clowes, and haemophiliacs infected with HIV) have I had so strong a sense that no campaign should be necessary to right such an obvious wrong. The Government knows we are right, and that our campaign is entirely free from party animus. It knows, too, that if given the nod by ministers, the Commons could settle the issue within an hour.

This week we embark on the final lap of this Parliament's last full session. The Government's legislative programme is gossamer thin. Parliamentary time could unquestionably be found. If ministers fail to act, and the campaign has to go on, then go on it will.

The author is Labour MP for Manchester (Wythenshawe) and was the first Minister for Disabled People.

Turn over

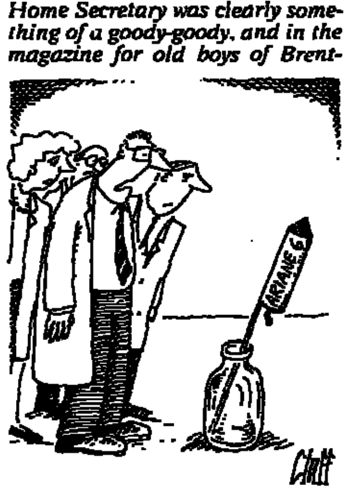
TURTLE trouble is blighting London Zoo, where three of the creatures are being expelled for excessive sexual activity. The Hawksbill turtles, which arrived at the zoo in the 1980s as babies, are being sent to Seaworld in Florida because exhausted zookeepers cannot cope with their antics.

Now that the turtles, two males and a female, have grown to a metre long, their 5,000 gallon tank cannot contain them. "They swim a lot and the males are just starting to get sexually active," explains a weary Dr Heather Hall, curator of the aquarium and reptile house. "They are giving the female a hard time, chasing her round their cramped tank. She hasn't enough space to get away from them."

In their Florida paradise they will have a 70,000 gallon tank out in the sun. There will be plenty of deep pools and hideyholes, where the female can escape her fans.

They are flying out tomorrow morning via Paris in specially designed boxes. "They have to be kept very moist throughout," says Dr Hall. "I got some very funny looks in Sainsbury's when I came out with eight tubs of Vaseline. But I would love to see their faces when they arrive in the sunshine."

● *Jack Straw's plans to impose a curfew on children under 10 may have had its origin in his own schooldays. The boy who would be Home Secretary was clearly something of a goody-goody, and in the magazine for old boys of Brentwood School he tells how he once had to recover the school rascal from a police station in Stratford-upon-Avon. "When we got there, this guy was not actually locked in the cells," recalls Straw disapprovingly. "He was just stuck there and we had to . . . bring him home."*



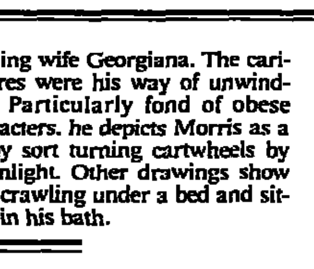
"The last one was just too ambitious"

THE TIMES DIARY

Morris dance

HUMOUR is not a quality one readily associates with Edward Burne-Jones, the pre-Raphaelite artist. But a forthcoming sale at Christie's reveals him as a demon caricaturist, fond of sending up friends such as William Morris, socialist and wallpaper designer.

Burne-Jones always seemed a rather stiff character, forever on best behaviour when with his forbidding wife Georgiana. The caricatures were his way of unwinding. Particularly fond of obese characters, he depicts Morris as a tubby sort turning cartwheels by moonlight. Other drawings show him crawling under a bed and sitting in his bath.



Morris by Jones

Cannes do

FOLLOWING her trip to the Cannes Film Festival, Virginia Bottomley has grown very excited about the director Mike Leigh. The great British success of the festival, Leigh won the Palme d'Or with his film *Secrets and Lies*. Since returning from the South of France, Mrs Bottomley is said to have been sending Leigh notes suggesting drink and lunch dates.

Her pretext is to discuss the future of the British film industry. Leigh is may not be so keen. His bearded, bearish, working-class heroism would look a little strange alongside Mrs Bottomley's matronly Toryism.

● *Whatever other problems they may face in the Euro '96, the Dutch soccer squad will not be short of kit. They arrive today with 900 pairs of shorts, 580 shirts, 550 pairs of socks, 140 athletic supports, 100 pairs of bootlaces and 100 tracksuits. The three goalkeepers alone are bringing 140 jerseys and 80 pairs of shorts.*

Scott reports

KING Juan Carlos of Spain has expressed regret for granting an interview to the BBC and Selina Scott three years ago. At the time of the interview, Spain's media went apoplectic, as they had never been offered similarly informal televised access to the King's life. Miss Scott was condemned for her familiarity, the King for his frivolity.

In an interview published this week in the Spanish magazine *Epoca*, the King says: "I made a mistake in giving Selina Scott an interview. It was not well understood in Spain." Except, of course, for one moment, when the Monarch seemed to be studying Miss Scott's swimsuit a little too sedulously. Here the majority of Spanish men were quite understanding.

Selena Scott: admired by Juan who knows

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MITCHELL'S BURDEN

An IRA gun to the heads of anxious unionists

As the protracted disputes over precise titles and functions illustrate, events concerning all-party talks in Ulster remain delicately poised. George Mitchell, the former US Senator, will be given primary responsibility for those deliberations. A framework appears to have been established where progress towards demobilisation of arms will be required not at the outset of negotiations but when full-scale dialogue begins. The instant reaction of the IRA's army council yesterday was to refuse to relinquish a single weapon until after a peace agreement is reached. That alone rules the IRA, and hence Sinn Fein, totally out of the process.

This latest compromise between Mr Major and Mr Bruton has not been greeted with acclamation even by those groups committed to peaceful means. The Reverend Ian Paisley has characterised the Senator as "some sort of Pope", which, it is safe to assume coming from the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), was not meant as a compliment. More seriously, he charges him with being "a crony of Gerry Adams". Others such as David Trimble, while being more cautious in their language, remain distinctly cool about the work of the two governments.

Ian Paisley's attack is harsh. Senator Mitchell is a distinguished figure whose previous attempts to deal with the thorny matter of IRA armoury at least aimed for balance. The six principles which he laid down for all-party negotiations — belatedly and reluctantly endorsed by Sinn Fein and now apparently repudiated — were worthy ideals. He is not a nationalist stooge. The IRA, which knows that to cross him would lose it support in America, would rather he had no further part in this process. All friends of Ulster can only wish him and his counterparts good fortune on Monday.

Nevertheless, real unionist worries exist. And they appear justified. The way in which these arrangements have been constructed prompts real suspicion about the integrity of the whole enterprise. Three outstanding areas of dissatisfaction persist.

The first is that there is an obsession, driven by Dublin, with the views and policy of the IRA; this implies that securing another ceasefire has a higher priority than the constitutional rights and wishes of a clear majority of Northern Ireland's citizens. The republican movement placed itself outside the legitimate theatre of political debate in February when it exploded the Docklands bomb. It is for them to choose to come back in, not for formulas to be stretched for them.

The second lies in the nature of the various committees and consultations, in particular the relegation of decommissioning to a specialist sub-unit. This design is supposed to set the issues of political structures and terrorist arsenals moving in parallel. Mr Trimble's belief that they might not has now been confirmed by the IRA itself — further reason to insist that the paramilitary dimension cannot be bottled up or quietly downgraded.

Finally, there is a disturbing ambiguity over the point at which weapons would begin to be surrendered in the now unlikely event of the IRA backtracking on yesterday's statement and reinstating the ceasefire, enabling Sinn Fein to become a player. Britain wanted a solid timetable that would make substantive discussion contingent on serious disarmament. That was and is the right position to take. Dublin seems to have succeeded in softening the linkage; but anything short of that allows the IRA to enter talks on a sale-or-return basis.

There is a wider concern which pervades all these other matters. The IRA announcement is a direct rebuff not only to London but to Senator Mitchell's own conditions on decommissioning. The impression grows that Downing Street and Dublin are losing control over events to the terrorists, while what is presented as a peace process slides into a submission schedule. The new format reaches the very edge of unacceptability for the mainstream majority in Ulster. The concessions made may already be too much for the DUP. Any further slippage will surely provoke the unionists to withdraw from Mr Mitchell's machinery. In such circumstances few could blame them.

RIOJA AND THE ROCK

Spain needs to learn a few home truths about Gibraltar

The new Government in Madrid has been good for Spain. Equally, there can be no doubt that it has been a great disappointment for Gibraltar. The virtues of José María Aznar's Administration — reason, common sense and pragmatism — seem to evaporate the moment it turns its attention to the British territory on the tip of the Iberian peninsula. As if directed by Franco from the grave, Madrid has been more antagonistic to the Rock in recent weeks than since the days when the frontier was closed.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, flies into Madrid's Barajas Airport today, to talk beef and BSE to the Spanish Government. He must also talk Gibraltar, and make clear his displeasure to his counterpart Abel Matutes. The Spanish Foreign Minister has so far been the worst offender, aiming a series of intemperate threats at the new Government in Gibraltar. Why he should do so is difficult to comprehend. Spain gains absolutely nothing by bullying Peter Caruana, the sophisticated new Gibraltarian Chief Minister. By doing so, Señor Matutes stands to squander a better opportunity for improved relations between Madrid and the Rock than has existed before.

Mr Caruana told *The Times* on the day after his election that "only through dialogue can there be any prospect of finding ways of mutual co-operation between Spain and Gibraltar". "I want to make it easier," he added, "not more difficult, for Spain to have better relations with us." Yet what was the response of Señor Matutes to this most open-minded and constructive signal? "My pulse will not falter," the Spanish Foreign Minister growled, "to close the frontier with Gibraltar if it becomes necessary."

Having elected the conciliatory Mr Caruana in the belief that Spain would respond in kind, the Gibraltarians today have to endure delays of up to six hours simply to cross the border with Spain — and this, at an internal frontier within the European Union. Mr Rifkind must make it clear to Spain that such politically-motivated delays are unacceptable, even illegal, and that Madrid must abandon forthwith the intrusive checks and searches of Gibraltarians at the frontier. Above all, he must tell Señor Matutes that the time has come for Spain to pursue more intelligent policies than arm-twisting and table-thumping.

Madrid would do well to pay heed also to the views of those of its citizens who live in municipalities adjacent to Gibraltar. Only last week, seven mayors from the impoverished Campo de Gibraltar region visited Señor Matutes to demand compensation for economic loss suffered by the severe delays at the frontier. Spaniards who live in the area wish for nothing more than to have normal commercial and cultural relations with the 27,000 who live on the Rock.

But Spain needs, above all, to win Gibraltar's trust. This should not be an impossible task for Señor Aznar: after all, he has learnt with time to live in peace with the Basque and Catalan nationalists. Cannot he take a bold step and invite Mr Caruana to Madrid for talks? Neither his pulse, nor his Foreign Minister's, need falter when raising a glass of rioja to better and more civilised relations with the Rock.

CHATEAU FLINTSTONE

Homo sapiens staggers in as *Homo dull throb between the ears*

The discovery that wine is 20 centuries older than previously labelled rewrites social history. The Neolithic Château Khomeini from the 5,400-5,000 BC vintage is evidently not a premier cru, more of a dernier cri. Not only is it retsina, but it has been laced with terebinth for medicinal purposes. And for a learned joke, the archaeologists have identified it in that part of the modern world which most strictly discourages wine-drinking: the Zagros mountains of Iran. We must be grateful for small sherries. At least chromatography has found no trace of fossilised plastic mugs or cubes of cheese and pineapple on toothpicks. The world is not yet ready for such an antedating of the perils and pleasures of the publishers' book-launch.

But these Flintstone funsters have beaten previous wine experts into a Stone Age pottery jar. For they were cultivating man's first hangover millennia before Noah first planted his vineyard. Noah then drank so much from it that he felt sparkling, though his family found him unusually talkative, and the author of *Genesis* called him drunk. The first wine-drinkers knew that when young Homer called the sea wine-dark, he was merely commenting on the taste as well as the colour of Greek red wine. Their presumptuous but amusing little vintage from Oldbins makes even their Persian descendant Omar Khayyám sound immature in his passion for the daughter of the vine.

So wine emerges as one of the first not the middle rungs on the ladder of man's long ascent. This Neolithic vintage, which is not merely prephylloxera but antediluvian, comes from the dawn of civilisation. It was fermented and bottled at a time when man was learning to cultivate grains, packing in the hunter-gathering and building his first settlements — with village bistro. Because wine has played so important a part in man's religious, medical, economic and plastered development, this Neolithic special offer will have a big scholarly kick.

But it also helps to redefine Homo sapiens as little lower than the angels. Scientists have previously tried to characterise man as a tool-making animal, the animal that laughs, a social animal and a two-legged featherless animal. But chimpanzees make tools. Cats have a sense of humour. And ants are social. It is true that some dogs and horses have been trained — by man — to drink beer, though less often wine. If wine is man's third oldest activity, perhaps he should be redefined as the creature who makes wine.

Homo Vinibibens? Wine maketh glad the heart of man. Wine gives strength to weary men. It makes man wiser and wittier, at any rate in his own eyes. It comforts the pains, frustrations and irritations of the wicked world. Post-modernist or, it now turns out, Neolithic. Of course, drunk without discretion, it can give man a hangover. But that is a price man has been happy to pay since opening time in the first chance bar.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Britain's policies towards Europe

From Mr Tim Rathbone, MP for Lewes (Conservative)

Sir, The peculiar attitude of many scientists and governments to the so-called beef crisis deserves to be met by British pressures on European Union partners to help bring about a change of mind. But to extend that pressure through the programme of vetoes to include blocking the 1997 budget for the drugs unit of Europol really seems very peculiar and self-defeating.

Europol is an organisation designed specifically to help meet and overcome the continuing threat from organised crime, international fraud and drug trafficking. Britain has energetically led the campaign for tighter measures, and has supported Europol as essential to such efforts. So, to block this now is contrary to British policy and to the interests of the British people, especially our young.

To cut off your own nose to spite your face is pretty ridiculous; to harm future generations by such actions is indefensible. Let us hope that the Home Secretary will think again before pursuing this self-destructive negation of all other government efforts to tackle crime and drugs problems together.

Yours truly,
TIM RATHBONE
(Chairman, All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group),
House of Commons.
June 3.

From Mr Lyndon Harrison, MEP for Cheshire West and Wirral (Socialist Group (Labour))

Sir, It is excellent news that on Sunday Germany and Britain established a joint embassy building in Reykjavik. Foreign Ministers Malcolm Rifkind and Dr Werner Hoyer presided, demonstrating a cessation in Britain's absurd policy of non-cooperation with its EU partners.

Dr Hoyer commented that there is no reason why the EU member countries should be represented in third countries with up to 15 embassies plus a European Commission office. I agree and, indeed, go further. A single EU embassy would introduce enormous opportunities for efficiency, as well as giving a more effective voice for Britain and Europe in our diplomatic work.

Privately, ambassadors have agreed with me when I have visited British and EU embassies around the world. Now is the time to take this proposition seriously.

Yours etc,
LYNDON HARRISON
(Socialist spokesperson,
Asean and Korean Delegation),
Watergate Building,
Crane Wharf, Chester.
June 3.

From Lord Pearson of Rannoch

Sir, Mr Gerry Kiely, the European Commission's spokesman for agriculture, perpetuates typical Euro-propaganda when he says: "The EU is funding 70 per cent of the compensation for British farmers" (letter, June 3).

The Government confessed in the Lords on April 25 that "the European Union is indeed meeting 70 per cent of the cost of the programme which has been agreed to date. But we meet 71 per cent of that 70 per cent. Therefore, the net position is that we are paying 80 per cent and our partners from the European Union are paying 20 per cent".

European solidarity strikes again.

Yours faithfully,
PEARSON of RANNOCH,
House of Lords.

From Mr Jullien Gaer

Sir, Given the current deadlock over the export of and consumer confidence in British beef, it behoves the industry as a whole to adopt a more robust defence of its product than that undertaken so far.

Perhaps they should follow the example of their counterparts in northern Queensland, where car stickers bearing the following slogan are commonplace: "Eat beef, you bastards. This is cattle country".

Yours faithfully,
JULLIEN GAER,
Flat 1, 3 Sinclair Gardens, W14.
June 4.

Switching off

From Dr Christopher Williams, JP

Sir, Are people without dogs, wives, guns or cars ever sent notices from the respective licensing authorities asking them to declare that they are without these appendages? No. So why must people without television sets suffer such an inquiry?

This "guilty until you declare you are innocent" approach is offensive and ineffective. Those harassed will include people with sight impairments, and people too poor to afford a television licence yet too honest to watch without one. Those who watch illegally are hardly likely to own up.

These inquiry forms have no legal status, and TV Licensing refuses to change its ways. I propose a national protest in support of those harassed — the bin.

Yours sincerely,
C. WILLIAMS,
University of Cambridge,
Faculty of Social and
Political Sciences,
Free School Lane, Cambridge.
June 3.

Call for pressure on Sudan regime

From Lieutenant-Colonel Neil Winship (retd)

Sir, Bernard Levin (article, May 31) ends his incredible, shocking and — I am sure from personal experience — true report on the Sudan by asking what we can do. I suggest the cessation of trade and aid from charities as well as governments wherever it enters under the control of the Khartoum regime.

Southern Sudan can be linked logistically with Kenya, Uganda and Zaire just as easily as with the North of Sudan; it was very nearly linked politically as well when the British were preparing Sudan for independence. The Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement and Army (SPLA), which controls an area the size of France, has as much legitimacy as the Khartoum regime, which unlawfully toppled Sadiq el Mahdi's government (a government itself which had no mandate from Southern voters).

It will be hard for aid agencies to stop their development projects among the innocent poor of the North. It was, however, abundantly clear during the aid rush of 1985-87 that humanitarian aid enabled Khartoum to devote more resources to oppressing the South than if it had had to relieve the drought-caused famine in the North unaided. Aid through Khartoum and Port Sudan may try to target the rural poor in the North, but inevitably most of the wages and supporting expenditure goes to townspeople — those who would probably riot if farmers were paid a fair price for food.

Meanwhile the Khartoum regime arms the Mujahidin and other "friendly forces" who have habitually raided the South for slaves and do not have even the glimmer of morality and discipline found in the Sudanese (Northern) Army.

The Archbishop of Canterbury gave us a lead by refusing to bow to Khartoum over his visit to the South (leading article, December 30, 1993) and then with a clarion call for Muslim/Christian tolerance and peaceful co-existence (leading article, October 11, 1995) during his delayed visit to the North.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL WINSHIP
(Aid worker,
Band Aid/World Vision, 1985-87),
Westhill, Copdock, Ipswich, Suffolk.
June 2.

From Mr Bona Malwal

Sir, In answer to Mr Levin's pertinent question, "what can we do against savages?"; for a start, the present mild United Nations sanctions against the National Islamic Front (NIF) regime in Khartoum should be tightened by including an arms embargo, and by creating safe and secure humanitarian relief corridors in the war-affected areas of the country to prevent the regime from disrupting relief to the needy.

Such actions would go some way to reinforce and strengthen the brave efforts of individual humanitarian and human-rights organisations like Christian Solidarity International and its United Kingdom president, Baroness Caroline Cox. Furthermore, the international community should encourage the efforts of the Sudanese National Democratic Alliance (NDA) which are aimed at restoring peace to the country.

Yours faithfully,
BONA MALWAL (Editor),
Sudan Democratic Gazette,
PO Box 2295, London W14 0ND.
June 3.

Democracy and reform of the Lords

From the Director of Charter 88

Sir, Roger Scruton seems to argue (article, May 29) that a person's opinion should count because of their material or social position, and if this is swept away by "democracy" it inevitably leads to the tyranny of the majority (a prospect that would not be welcome by Charter 88).

The founding fathers of the American Republic thought long and hard about the problems of majoritarian rule and passed a Bill of Rights as an amendment to their constitution to protect individuals against any such tyranny. A genuinely pluralist democracy will not give additional weight to people because of money or birth, nor will it assume the majority is always right, but it will, through a combination of institutions and culture, strike a balance between majority and minority interests.

There is nothing "continental" about the institutions and culture of democracy. The ideas of the separation of powers, of representative democracy, of a charter of rights, of the rule of law, all have a long historical lineage in English political thought. British representatives have probably drafted more constitutions for more countries since the Second World War than any other comparable body of public servants.

The European Convention on Human Rights was drafted by British civil servants and reflected the values and principles of common law liberty. Many of the most important post-war human-rights treaties reflect "our" values and beliefs. It is sensible to accept, having drafted so much and thought so much about the governing arrangements of others, that we take time to reflect upon our own.

The issue is not Charter 88's support, which is a lot broader than Roger Scruton may imagine. The real issue is the growing public concern about the way we are governed. From the concerns of the Scott report to the power of unelected quangos there is a tangible sense of decay in our political institutions. These are not minority concerns, or the grievances of a few seeking power. These are, as opinion polls make clear, the concerns of the majority of the people in this country. The task for organisations like Charter 88 is to turn these wider concerns into realistic, practical and incremental proposals of change.

Roger Scruton is right to say that constitutional reform must express and reflect a wide consensus. But this is not an argument against change. Rolling constitutional change is a feature of the British political system regardless of the party in power. The next stage of that change must involve a more democratic and representative parliament, the protection of human rights in law and a substantial decentralisation of power from Westminster.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW PUDDEPHATT,
Director,
Charter 88,
Exmouth House,
3-11 Pine Street, EC1.
June 4.

From Dr Brian Porter

Sir, Professor Colin Harbury's suggestion (letter, May 20) that the House of Lords might be reformed on the basis of proportional representation could be realised by the simple expedient of introducing weighted voting in the House.

If, after every general election, and for the duration of that Parliament, peers taking the whip were allotted a ratio of votes proportional to the voting strengths of their parties in the country, with perhaps 20 per cent reserved for crossbenchers, not only would there be no need to alter the present composition of the House, but its present acute party bias would be removed at a stroke.

In this way might the Lords reflect an alternative democratic principle whereby voters supporting losing parliamentary candidates would not feel that their votes had been wasted.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN PORTER,
University of Kent,
Department of Politics
and International Relations,
Canterbury, Kent.
May 24.

Witness support

From the Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Sir, The Presidents of the British Psychological Society and of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers both advocate specific training in courtroom technique for expert witnesses at trials (letters, May 30, June 4). My institute and the Academy of Experts, with various others, have been providing such training over a number of years.

As an arbitrator, however, I have this dilemma: should I ask a witness if he has been trained professionally to give me a convincing presentation? How should I consider the evidence of someone who has been trained to give it?

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY HARTWELL,
Chairman,
The Chartered Institute of
Arbitrators,
International Arbitration Centre,
24 Angel Gate, EC1.
June 4.

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Prince at Eton

From Professor Hugh Stephenson

Sir, Eton and the Buckingham Palace press office were presumably delighted with your front page coverage of Prince William's "precocious talent" as an artist (report, June 1). The desire to project such a positive royal story is completely understandable.

But have they forgotten the sensible line that was taken when the Prince first went to Eton? There was to be one first and last photo opportunity and then the media were requested to let the child alone in privacy to be as ordinary a public school boy as possible. Lord Wakeham, for the Press Complaints Commission, came in strongly with editors on the point.

But your average precociously artistic Etonian would not find his work reviewed by the arts correspondent of a national newspaper. If the privacy line is to be held it must be total. Royal privacy cannot work on the basis of the media being helped to write nice things about the Prince's schooling, but being expected to leave all other aspects of his life alone.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH STEPHENSON,
City University,
Department of Journalism,
Northampton Square, EC1.

Sale of television rights for sport

From the Chief Executive of the Rugby Football League and others

Sir, We believe that legislation should not attempt to remove from us our power to negotiate the sale of broadcasting rights. We have been meeting to see how such issues, especially the allocation of highlights of important events, can best be decided.

Different events have their own characteristics and requirements; it is difficult for blanket legislation to provide adequately for, say, a three-minute horse race, a one-day cricket series, a four-day golf tournament and a fortnight-long tennis tournament.

The extension of listed events to subscription television would cause serious financial loss to the sports covered, but to extend statutory powers to cover highlights as well would deal a body blow to British sport.

In consultation with the Sports Council, the sports governing bodies have agreed to a voluntary code of conduct to cover the sale of live, recorded and highlights to terrestrial and satellite channels. It seeks to strike an appropriate balance between best commercial advantage and the wider long-term interests of sports and the sporting public.

The existing arrangements of the Test and County Cricket Board, the Football Association and the Rugby Football Union already reflect the balance between terrestrial and satellite which the code requires, while the Royal & Ancient Golf Club has made a commitment to retain the Open Championship on terrestrial television during renegotiation of the contract this year.

We trust that the House of Commons standing committee which is examining the Broadcasting Bill will accept that the governing bodies of sport will stand by this undertaking to conduct negotiations for television contracts responsibly.

Yours faithfully,
MAURICE LINDSAY
(Chief Executive, Rugby Football League),
MICHAEL BONALLACK
(Secretary, Royal & Ancient
Golf Club of St Andrews),
TONY HALLETT
(Secretary, Rugby Football Union),
STANLEY JACKSON
(Managing Director,
Race Course Association),
GRAHAM KELLY
(Chief Executive, The Football Association),
PETER RADFORD
(Executive Chairman,
British Athletics Federation),
KEN SCHOFIELD
(Executive Director, PGA European Tour),
ALAN SMITH
(Chief Executive, TCCB),
c/o The Central Council
of Physical Recreation,
Francis House, Francis Street, SW1.
June 5.

Rorke's Drift VCs

From Mr A. P. Brenton

Sir, Major Snook (letter, May 27) may be unaware of an appendix to Norman Holme's book, *The Silver Wreath*, published in 1979, which covers the 24th Foot at Isandhlwana and Rorke's Drift. This details the "places of attestation" of men of the 1st and 2nd Battalions who were present at Rorke's Drift. Of the 70 soldiers listed (officers and other ranks), 43 had attested in England, 14 in Ireland, 10 in Wales and one each in Scotland, India and France.

I recognise that the "place of attestation" is not necessarily the birthplace but if, as Major Snook suggests, most were young Welshmen they certainly were widespread before joining the 24th Foot.

Yours sincerely,
TONY BRENTON,
4 Lynmouth Rise,
St Mary Cray, Orpington, Kent.
May 28.

Out of order

From the Reverend Graham Palmer

Sir, Three years ago I was asked by a pregnant parishioner to arrange a date, safely far enough ahead, for the baptism of her child (the Reverend G. M. Gill's letter, June 1), and at the same time to book her wedding in the year after that.

One can admire such forethought, but I fear that religious considerations were of small importance. The primary concern was the planning of parties, with the need to have sufficient funds to hand at the right time and a hall available for the celebrations.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM PALMER,
St Alban's Vicarage,
4 Margravine Road, W6.
June 3.

Wonders of the world

From the Reverend Michael Lloyd

Sir, The Yorkshire cricketers to whom Dr Goldberg refers (letter, June 5) would doubtless have felt very much at home on their visit to Niagara. Millions of gallons of water draining away with "nowt to stop it" is surely what Yorkshire has become known for.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL LLOYD
(Chaplain),
Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.
June 5.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 5: The Honourable George Bush visited The Queen this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this afternoon attended a Luncheon at the Ascott Mayfair Hotel, Hill Street, London W1.

His Royal Highness, President, Royal Mint Advisory Committee, later attended the Coin of the Year presentation at the Bank of England, London EC2.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, this evening attended the Chartered Society of Designers 1996 Minerva Dinner at the Institute of Directors, Pall Mall, London SW1.

June 5: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening attended "Ten Vintage Years" — a wine tasting — at Merchant Taylors' Hall, London EC2.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 5: The Princess Royal today visited Cornwall and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (the Lady Mary Holborow).

Her Royal Highness this morning visited Curnow School, Drump Road, Redruth.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Citizens Advice Bureaux, this afternoon opened Bude and Stratton Community Project, Bude.

Her Royal Highness later visited A.W. Bent Limited, Healthcare Clothing and Textiles, Union Mill, Bude.

The Princess Royal afterwards visited Zoeftig Limited, Luviscon Factory, King's Hill Industrial Estate, Bude.

Her Royal Highness subsequently attended a Garden Party for Cornwall County Association for the Blind at Trewithen, near Grampound.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 5: The Prince of Wales today undertook engagements to support investment in Wales.

His Royal Highness was received this morning by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes) and Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent (Sir Richard Hanbury Tenison) before opening the Second Severn Crossing.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon opened the new Manufacturing Centre for AIWA (UK) Limited at the AIWA Technology Park, Newbridge.

His Royal Highness this evening gave a Dinner at Highgrove House for potential investors in Wales, brought together by the Welsh Development Agency.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 5: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this evening took the Salute at the Ceremony of Beating Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Household Division on Horse Guards, Whitehall, London SW1.

June 5: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon opened the Peel Institute's new centre at Percy Circus, London WC1.

Later His Royal Highness, Patron, New Islington and Hackney Housing Association, visited the Association's Head Office, Globe House, 8 Curtain Road, London EC2, and afterwards visited the German Hospital, Hackney, London E8.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Counsel and Care, this evening attended the Annual General Meeting at Draper's Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2.

YORK HOUSE
June 5: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Vice-Marshal, this afternoon attended an Air Force Board lunch, Kingston House North, Prince's Gate, London SW7.

The Duchess of Kent, this morning opened the new Magistrates' Court, Holbache Road, Oswestry, and was met on her arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire (Mr Algernon Heber-Percy).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened Oswestry Transitional Housing Scheme, Blenheim Close, Oswestry, Shropshire.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
June 5: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, left Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon to attend the opening of the Century of British Sculpture Exhibition at the Galerie Nationale du Jeu de Paume, Paris.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

June 4: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened Phase III of North Tyneside General Hospital at Rake Lane, North Shields, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear (Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison).

Her Royal Highness subsequently opened St Clare's Hospice/Primrose Hill Hospital at Jarrow and later visited the Newcastle upon Tyne Dog and Cat Shelter and Animal Sanctuary at Benton Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended the Marconi International Fellowship Awards Dinner at the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7.

Royal engagements

The Queen will attend a garden party at Bagshot Park, Surrey, at 3.00 to mark the bicentenary of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, will present the 1996 City and Guilds Prince Philip medal and silver and bronze medals at Buckingham Palace at 11.30; will attend a luncheon at the Connaught Hotel at 12.35; will visit the Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore at 2.15; and, as president, will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 6.30 to welcome delegates to the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth's seventeenth biennial conference.

The Princess Royal will be the reviewing officer at Founder's Day at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, at 10.00; as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will attend a luncheon at the Landmark London Hotel, NW1, at 1.00. Later, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend the Sail for Gold Ball at the London Hilton on Park Lane at 7.35.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Honorary Colonel of The Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia), will be present at the regimental centenary celebrations at Monmouth Castle at 10.30; and will attend a concert at Wyastone Leys at 6.15 in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (ASBAH) will attend a conference at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre at 10.55 to mark the 30th anniversary of ASBAH; and will take the salute at Beating Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Household Division on Horse Guards at 8.30.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the British Computer Society, will switch on the Colossus cryptographic computer at Bletchley Park, Bletchley, a 9.50; as Visitor, will attend a lecture at Cranfield University, at 1.05 to mark the 50th anniversary of the university's founding; and will open the new technology centre of Fuji Photo Film (United Kingdom), Unit 15, St Martin's Way, Bedford, at 2.45.

Birthdays today

The King of the Belgians celebrates his 62nd birthday today.

Sir Derek Alun-Jones, company director, 63; Mrs Sara Banerji, writer, 64; Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, former president, British Academy, 87; Professor B. Bleaney, physicist, 81; Mr David Blunkett, MP, 49; Mr Bjorn Borg, tennis player, 40; Lord Carrington, KG, CH, 77; Mr David Chipp, former Editor-in-Chief, Press Association, 69; Dame Ninette de Valois, OM, CH, founder, Royal Ballet, 98; Mr Paul Esswood, counter-tenor, 54; Mr Mike Gatting, cricketer, 39; Lord Gladwin of Clee, 66; Mr Iain Hamilton, composer, 74; Professor R.A. Humphreys, Latin American historian, 89; Mr J. Kay-Mouat, former President of the States of Alderney, 63; Lord Kings Norton, 94; Mr Willie-John McBride, former rugby player, 56; Sir Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, former MP, 65; the Marquess of Milford Haven, 35; Sir Douglas Morpeth, chartered accountant, 72; Sir Bryan Nicholson, former chairman, Post Office, 64; Air Marshal Sir Charles Pringle, 77; Dr M. Richardson, Principal, Graduate Society, Durham University, 56; Dr Ruth Sanger, haematologist, 78; Lord Stodart of Leaston, 80; Mr Klaus Tennstedt, conductor, 70; Mr R.J. Tyrrell, chairman, The Henley Centre for Forecasting, 45; Mr Frank Tyson, former cricketer, 66; Miss Billie Whitelaw, actress, 64; Sir Donald Wilson, former chairman, North West Regional Health Authority, 74.

Lord Margadale

A Memorial Service for Lord Margadale, of Islay, will be held on Monday, July 15, 1996, at 3.00pm, at Salisbury Cathedral. All welcome, but applications for reserved seating can be made to The Secretary, Fonthill House, Tisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 5SA.

Professor Peter Nailor

A memorial service for Peter Nailor, late Provost of Gresham College, will be held at the Guild Church of St Andrew, Holborn on Friday, June 28, 1996, at 11.30am. Further details from Gresham College, 0171 831 0575.

Lecture

Royal Society
Professor Alastair Scott, FRS, gave the Royal Society Bakerian Lecture yesterday at 6 Carlton House Terrace, SW1. Sir Aaron Klug, OM, FRS, president of the society, was in the chair.

Receptions

HM Government
Mr Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, and Mr John Taylor, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Competition and Consumer Affairs, presided at a reception given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House to mark the 30th anniversary of industrial tribunals.

Brasenose Society
Mr Stephen Dorrell, MP, was the host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Commons for members of the Brasenose Society. Mr Robin Gill, President, and Lord Windlesham, Principal of Brasenose College, Oxford, also spoke.

Service luncheon

Royal Regiment of Artillery
General Sir Martin Farndale, Master Gunner, St James's Park, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich, for Lieutenant-General P.O. du Preez, General of the South African Gunners, and to mark the re-instatement of the formal alliance between the Royal Regiment of Artillery and the South African Artillery.

MICHAEL POWELL

George Stubbs's life-size painting of the racehorse Whistlejacket which is now on long-term loan to the National Gallery from a private collection. Whistlejacket won a famous victory over four miles for 2,000 guineas at Newmarket in August 1759 and Stubbs later painted the horse for its owner the 2nd Marquess of Rockingham. Whistlejacket was not an easy sitter and, having caught sight of Stubbs working on the picture, is said to have attempted to fight and kick it

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of President Mary Robinson and Mr Nicholas Robinson. The other guests were:

Mr Dick Spring, the Irish Ambassador and Mrs Barrington, Mr and Mrs Padraic McKernan, Mr Brian McCarthy, Mr Peter Ryan, Ms Bride Rosney, Mr John Burke, Mr Niall Burgess, Colonel Bernard Howard, Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, and Lady Mayhew, Mr Michael Ancram, MP, and Lady Jane Ancram, Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, Cardinal Basil Hume, the Cardinal Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Right Rev Dr John Ross, the Rev Chris Walpole, Mr David Trimble, MP, and Mrs Trimble, Mr John Hume, MP, and Mrs Hume, Mr Jon Norton and Dr Marjorie Mowlam, MP, Mr Andrew Hunter, MP, and Mrs Hunter, Mr Clive Soley, MP, and Mrs Soley, Sir George and Lady Quigley, Sir Martin and Lady Jacomb, Sir Richard and Lady Greenbury, Mr and Mrs Paddy Wright, Mr and Mrs Jack Charlton, Mr Richard Dunwoody, Miss Emma Hearnley, Professor John Arbuthnott and Dr E Arbuthnott, Professor and Mrs Roy Foster, Mr Robert and the Hon Mrs Kee, Mr and Mrs Edward Mortimer, Sir Robin and Lady Butler, Sir David and Lady Fell, Mr A J Sutherland and Mrs Veronica Sutherland and Mr and Mrs John Holmes.

The London Institute
The Chairman of the London Institute, Mr Julian E. Markham, was host at a luncheon held on Tuesday, June 4, at the Institute's Headquarters in Davies Street, W1. The guests included:

Mr Kenneth Baker, CH, MP; Mr François Nordmann, Ambassador of Switzerland; Sir William Stubbs, Chief Executive, Further Education Funding Council; Mr Rod Bishop, Managing Director, Polaroid; Mrs Jenifer Rosenberg, OBE.

Ambassador

Mr Marcus Hope to be Ambassador (non-resident) to the Congo in succession to Mr Roger Westbrook who has moved to a new appointment.

Dinners

Corporation of London
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their Ladies, received the guests at a dinner given at Guildhall last night by the Corporation of London to mark the visit of the President of Ireland and Mr Nicholas Robinson. Among those present were:

The Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Ireland, the Irish Ambassador and Mrs Barrington, the Secretary to the President, the Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Mrs McKernan, the Assistant Secretary to the Government, the Special Adviser to the President, the Chief of Protocol to the President, the Private Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister, the Aide-de-Camp to the President, the Ambassador of Finland and Mrs Blomqvist, the Ambassador of Luxembourg and Mme Weyland, the Belgian Ambassador, the Ambassador of Germany and Frau Oesterhelt, the Danish Ambassador, Viscount and Viscountess Sidmouth, Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, Lord and Lady Holme of Cheltenham, Baroness Denton of Wakefield, Lord and Lady Lester of Herne Hill, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Lady Mayhew, the Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office, and Lady Wheeler, the Governor of the Bank of England and Mrs George, Sir Robert and Lady Jane Fellowes, Sir John and Lady Hanson, Sir David and Lady Orr, Sir Giles and Lady Shaw, Sir Christopher and Lady Bland, Sir Michael and Lady Perry, the Ambassador to Ireland and Mr Sutherland, the Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis and Lady Condon, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, Commander Peter and Lady Moyra Campbell, Members of Parliament, Representatives of the Irish Embassy, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their guests.

Industrial Tribunals
Judge Lawrence, President of Industrial Tribunals for England and Wales, presided at a dinner held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club for regional chairmen of the tribunals. Mr Justice Mummery and Judge Peter Clark, Judges of the Employment Appeal Tribunal, Mr John Maguire, President of Industrial Tribunals, Northern Ireland, and Mr M.B. Wilson, secretary of the tribunals, were among the guests.

Service dinner

London Scottish Regiment
The annual dinner of the London Scottish Officers' Dinner Club was held last night at the Regimental Headquarters, Westminster. Colonel R.D. Holliday, Colonel of the London Scottish Regiment, presided.

Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire

Lieutenant-General Sir Maurice Johnston to be Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire in succession to Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs who will retire on June 22.

Appointments

Dr Stuart John Hill to be Chief Land Registrar and Chief Executive of HM Land Registry from June 17, in succession to Mr John Manthorpe, who is retiring.

Mr Thomas Brendan Hegarty, QC, to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the Northern Circuit.

Mr Paul Gamba to be a District Judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr S.N. Bound
and Miss M.M. Williams**
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Dr and Mrs Harry Bound, of St Peter Port, Guernsey, and Mary, daughter of Dr and Mrs Benjamin Williams, of Champaign, Illinois.

**Mr M.J.H. Brown
and Miss A.N. Hordern**
The engagement is announced between Matthew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Don Brown, of Winchester, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Hordern, of Cane End, South Oxfordshire.

**Mr P.T. Claridge
and Miss D. Salvador-Lai**
Mrs Dinah A.E. Salvador-Lai, of Malaysia, is pleased to announce the official engagement of her youngest daughter, Diane, to Patrick, youngest son of Mrs Pam Beryl Claridge, of Braintree, on May 25, 1996, at Villa San Michele, Florence.

**Mr C.S. Delaney
and Ms D.M. Lennon**
The engagement is announced between Charles, first son of Captain Kenneth Delaney, Royal Leicestershire Regiment, retd, and Mrs Delaney, of Warminster, Wiltshire, and Dympna, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Malachy Lennon, of Bangor, Co Down, Northern Ireland.

**Mr E.M. Dutton
and Miss S.R.P. Humphreys**
The engagement is announced between Edward, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.M.R. Dutton, of Awbridge, Hampshire, and Susannah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.W. Humphreys, of Hazel End, near Bishops Stortford.

**Mr G.W. Fuller
and Miss E.A. Jones**
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, son of the late Mr J.W.P. Fuller and of Mrs J. Fuller, of Sittingbourne, Kent, and Elizabeth, daughter of the late Dr J.D. Jones and of Mrs B. Jones, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

**Mr R. Hughes
and Miss C.S.A. Wiltshire**
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Professor and Mrs Martin Hughes, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Wiltshire, of Hampstead, London.

**Mr Z. Iqbal
and Miss C. Hoyle**
The engagement is announced between Zak, only son of Iqbal and Jean Iqbal, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Clara, only daughter of Brian and Pat Hoyle, of Durban, South Africa.

**Mr R.J. Mackrill
and Miss C.E.L. Lillie**
The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Mackrill, of West Malling, Kent, and Cindy, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs John Lillie, of Beaconsfield, Montreal, Canada.

**Sir Gareth Rhys Williams, Bt,
and Miss H. Codner**
The engagement is announced between Gareth, son of the late Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Bt, MP, and of Lady Rhys Williams, of London and Mid Glamorgan, and Harriet, daughter of Major and Mrs Tom Codner, of Gloucestershire.

**Mr D.J. Thompson
and Miss H.N. Barber**
The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Mr P. Thompson, of Bridgend, Glamorgan, and Ms C. Dellen, of Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, and Harriet, twin daughter of Mr R. Barber, of Tresco, Isles of Scilly, and Mrs J. Hinchcliffe, of Marston, Dorset.

**Mr K. Line
and Miss R.F. Barber**
The engagement is announced between Kim, son of Mr and Mrs G. Line, of Fulham, and Rosalind, twin daughter of Mr R. Barber, of Tresco, Isles of Scilly, and Mrs J. Hinchcliffe, of Marston, Dorset.

**Mr S.J. Whittaker
and Miss A.C. Stephenson**
The engagement is announced between Sam, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Roger Whittaker, of Ilkley, and Anna, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Stephenson, of Bedford.

**Mr T.M.B. Whittome
and Senorita N.G. Navas**
The engagement is announced between Tim, elder son of the Rev and Mrs Donald Whittome, of Poynings, Sussex, and Germania, daughter of Senor and Senora José R. Navas, of Quito, Ecuador.

Marriages

**Mr J.W.T.W. Fiennes
and Miss C.H. Newton-Davies**
The marriage took place on Saturday, at St Andrew and St Mary the Virgin, Fletching, Sussex, of Mr James Fiennes, younger son of the Very Rev the Hon Oliver and Mrs Fiennes, of Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, to Miss Caroline Newton-Davies, elder daughter of Mr John Newton-Davies, of Sandridge, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Diana Whiteside, of Chailey, Sussex. The Rev John Witheridge officiated, assisted by Canon Derek Whitehead.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Philippa Newton-Davies, Charlotte and Emily Long-Howell and Charlotte Suckling. Mr Adam Fiennes was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

**The Hon Edward
Kay-Shuttleworth
and Miss N. Cortez**
The marriage took place in Chelsea, on Wednesday, June 5, 1996, of the Hon Edward Kay-Shuttleworth, son of the late Lord and Lady Shuttleworth, of Leck, Lancashire, to Miss Noemi Cortez, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Delfin Cortez, of the Philippines.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Velázquez, painter, Seville, 1599; Pierre Corneille, dramatist, Rouen, 1606; Alexander Pushkin, writer, Moscow, 1799; William Ralph Inge, Dean of St Paul's 1911-34, Crayke, Yorkshire, 1860; Robert Falcon Scott, Antarctic explorer, Devonport, 1868; Thomas Mann, novelist, Lübeck, Germany, 1875; William Cosgrave, President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State 1912-32, Dublin, 1880.

DEATHS: George Anson, Baron Anson, admiral and navigator, Moor Park, Hertfordshire, 1762; Henry Grattan, Irish patriot, London, 1820; Jeremy Bentham, philosopher, London, 1831; Count Camillo di Cavour, Italian patriot, Turin, 1861; Sir John Macdonald, Prime Minister of Canada 1867-73 and 1878-91, Ottawa, 1891; Carl Gustav Jung, psychologist, Zurich, 1961; Robert Kennedy, American Attorney-General, shot, Los Angeles, died this day, 1968.

The first public museum, the Ashmolean, was opened by Elias Ashmole, Oxford, 1683.

D-Day, when Allied troops landed in Normandy, 1944.

George Orwell's novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four* was published, 1949.

Latest wills

Mr Geoffrey John Eustace **Jameson**, of London SW10, managing director of Justerini and Brooks 1968-85, left estate valued at £761,072 net.

He left his Queen Anne Garrick Glass with bevelled edge and his small gilt framed piece of paper signed by John Green 1928 to the Garrick Club.

Helen **Hill**, of London, NW8, left estate valued at £1,614,390 net. She died intestate.

Aranka **Braun**, of London, W8, left estate valued at £586,182 net.

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BIRTHS

BARSHAM - On May 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Liz (née Jeans) and Tony, a beautiful daughter, Harriet.

BERESFORD - On June 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Maria Teresa and Charles, a beautiful boy, brother to William and Carolina.

BIRDEN - On June 4th 1996, in Luxembourg, to Anne and Patrick, a son, François, a brother for Tom.

FINLAYSON - On May 23rd, to Kate (née Vivian) and Alick, a son, (James Anthony Charles), a brother for Archie.

FREEMAN - James on May 31st at The Portland Hospital, to Lynne and Jerry Strabley.

KILLIAS - On June 5th 1996, in Richterswil, Canton Zurich, Switzerland, to Susan Jane (née Muehlemann) and Pierre-Alain (PAK), a beautiful daughter, Sabrina.

LODGE - On 4th June 1996, to Angela (née Garnham) and Nick, a beautiful daughter, Harriet May.

NARULA - Mishika born on May 28th at The Portland Hospital a beautiful daughter to Anik and Rachna and granddaughter to H.S. and Surina Narula.

NIBLETT - On 3rd June at Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, to Valerie and Anthony, a son, Andrew Robert, a brother for Julia.

O'BRIEN - On Thursday 30th May at The Portland Hospital, to Sue (Keatley) and Kevin, a beautiful son, Christopher Patrick.

RICHARDS - On 21st May 1996, to Cecile and Edwin, a daughter, Amy-Laure.

ROBERTS - On 28th May 1996 at Musgrove Park Hospital, Somerset, to Laura (née Reempää) and Phillip, a son, Ernest Henrik Reempää.

BIRTHS

ROSTON - On June 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Andriana and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Rianna Amy, a granddaughter for Marlene Michael, Katina.

TIDBURY - On 3rd June, to Alexandra (née Deshon) and Hugh, a son.

WACE - On May 26th, to Amanda and Rupert, a boy, Arthur William, a brother for Timothy and Oliver.

WILLIAMS - On June 3rd, to Clare and Andrew, a son, Oliver Sebastian James.

DEATHS

BARROW - James Harrison, Engineer. On 2nd June 1996 aged 80. Husband of Ann, father of George. Private cremation at Hereford.

DAVIES - Graham Hartley died at home on June 3rd aged 56. Husband of Carolyn, father of Louise, Charles, Chloe and Josephine. Funeral 12 noon Tuesday 11th June St George's Church, Pontesbury. Donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan or the Samaritans.

DUNCAN - James John Kirk aged 78 on 1st June 1996 at Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead with his devoted wife Pierrette by his side. A loving husband and doting father to his daughter Fiona and son Andrew. He will be remembered with great love as a true gentleman. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium Monday 10th June at 12 noon. Flowers if desired to A. France & Son, 14 Watford Way, NW4 3AD.

FAIR - Donald Ernest, passed away suddenly on 3rd June 1996, much loved husband of Marjorie, father of Christopher and brother of John, Derek, James and Suzanne. Funeral Service at 12 noon, Friday 14th June at Mortlake Crematorium, Richmond, Surrey. Family flowers only please.

DEATHS

FREW - On May 31st 1996 Molly Graham, aged 105 years. Wife of the late James Allen Frew, mother of Graham and Audrey, at Little Ann, Andover. Formerly of Kilsyth, Laphroaig, Port Ellen, Islay and Wallasey. All enquiries to Halcrow & Sons Funeral Directors, 6A Bridge Street, Andover, Hants. SP10 1BH, tel: (01264) 358255.

GARDNER - On June 5th 1996 Dinkey, beloved wife of the late Geoffrey and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at St Michael and All Angels Church, Sunninghill, on Tuesday June 11th at 3pm. No flowers. Donations to Bernard Cuff Dog Sanctuary, Ascot c/o Cyril H. Lovegrove, 29C High Street, Sunninghill SL5 9NP.

GELST - On June 3rd 1996 at her home Mary Morten Enman aged 73 years, loved and missed by all. Funeral Service at Alderton Church on Friday June 7th at 3 pm. Flowers may be sent to G.W. Smith (Alderton) Ltd, Funeral Directors, 50 The Street, Alderton, IP12 3BL.

GORMAN - On 3rd June, Anne (née Beech), quietly at home, as she wanted, after a difficult last year borne with resilience, dignity and a remarkable inner strength. She will be hugely missed by family and friends and for Chris, Matthew and Jane so irreplaceable. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford on Wednesday 19th June at 12.30 pm.

GOTCH - David Henry Mervyn at home on June 3rd. Former Head of English at Batley Grammar School, Batley, Yorks. Son of the late Mervyn and Cyssely (née Drew). Funeral at St John's Crematorium, Woking, June 12th at 12 noon. Enquiries Woking Funeral Service (01483) 772266.

DEATHS

HARMS - Alfred Joseph O.B.E. on June 5th 1996, beloved husband of Betty and loving father of Anthony and Duncan. Memorial Service at Langham Church on Thursday June 20th 1996 at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation c/o Fords of Oakham, 8 Church Street, Oakham, Rutland, tel: (01572) 722654.

HARTMAN - Sandra Virginia, suddenly at home in London on June 1st 1996. Beloved mother, daughter and friend to many. Private burial. Memorial Service at St Luke's Church, Chelsea, at 11 am on Tuesday June 11th 1996. Please, no flowers. If desired donations to The Iris Fund for Prevention of Blindness c/o Leverton & Sons Ltd, Funeral Directors, 212 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1BD.

HENDERSON - Elmslie Deborah Rodes (née Green) peacefully after a short illness aged 83, widow of Lt. Nigel T.B. Tibbits R.N. (decd.) and John G.D. Henderson (R.N.R.), much loved mother of Andrew, Selina and Sophie. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, High Cross, Froxfield, at 12 noon Thursday 20th June followed by private burial. Family flowers only. Donations for the R.N.L.I. may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service, 32-34 Parkstone Road, Poole, Dorset.

JAGGER - Marjorie died peacefully and with dignity in Northwood and Pinner Community Hospital on 5th June 1996. Funeral will take place at Emmanuel Church, Northwood, on Wednesday 12th June at 1 pm. No flowers please. Donations to Northwood and Pinner Hospital, if desired.

DEATHS

JENSEN - Walter, 34 years of age, in a climbing accident in the Pyrenees. Dearly beloved husband of Yolande, loving father of Megan and Victoria, adored son of Anne and Walter, dear brother of Robin and Jackie-Anne. He died doing what he greatly loved. Private family funeral in Brussels on Saturday, 8th June. Address: Avenue des Perdrix 7, Kraainem 1950, Brussels.

KENDALL - On June 2nd Arthur Christopher Victor, loved husband of Margaret and son of Rev. H.G.O. Kendall aged 79. Funeral will leave 5 Spurway, Bearsted, 2 pm June 11th for Vinters Crematorium. Cancer Relief donations in lieu of flowers please.

LYNCH-ROBINSON - On June 3rd, peacefully following a massive stroke, Sir Niall Bryan Lynch-Robinson 3rd Baronet, D.S.C. and Croix de Guerre. Very dearly loved husband for over 56 years of Rosemary, loving father of Dominick and the late Panny, father-in-law of Victoria and Steve and a loved grandfather of five. Funeral private. Family only. No flowers please, donations in lieu to Relate, Winchester c/o Jno Steel and Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

MITCHESON - George Macpherson on June 1st 1996 at his home aged 61 years. Funeral Service at the United Reformed Church, Beaconsfield, June 12th at 1.30 pm, followed by cremation at the Chilterns Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home or the Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o H.C. Grimstead Ltd., tel: (01494) 672668.

DEATHS

NEWSOME - Marjorie Ann aged 62 died May 24th 1996. Friends are invited to join her family at the Rosslyn Unitarian Church, Hampstead High Street, on Saturday June 8th 1996 at 5pm for a time of remembrance.

NIGHTINGALE - Basil John of Twickenham. Died peacefully on June 5th at home in his 90th year. Devoted brother of Bill, daughter Anne, grandchildren Alex and Lucy. Enquiries to Fredk. Paine, tel: (0181) 892-1784.

PELLOWE - On June 3rd 1996 suddenly at home, Frances aged 80 years of Penryn - Cornwall. Much loved mother of John, Sue, Rose and Virginia, also grandmother of Emma, Steve, Tom, William, Katherine and Luke. Funeral Service Saturday June 8th St Gluvias Parish Church, 11am, followed by burial. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the Stroke Association may be sent c/o W.J. Angove & Son, 24 Berkeley Vale, Falmouth.

PETTY - William Morrison. Formerly of 35 Wallenger Avenue, Gidea Park, Romford and more recently of Berkhamsted and Clacton. Born in Calcutta, India, on 17th September 1915, sadly passed away on 27th May 1996 at Little Holland Hall Nursing Home. Husband of the late Eileen, he leaves his daughters Janet Lauerman and Catherine Sykes, and seven wonderful grandchildren who will miss him so much. The funeral service will be held at St Michael and All Saints Church, Sunnyside, Berkhamsted, midday on Friday June 7th, following on to Amersham Crematorium at 1.30 pm. Flowers can be sent to 56 Upper Hall Park, Berkhamsted. Donations are welcome to the Kidney Foundation. We love you very much.

DEATHS

PILLING - Robert Wood (Bob) now at peace after a long illness bravely endured with patience and dignity, on June 2nd 1996 aged 70. Beloved husband of Inge (née Berge), devoted father of Susan and Angela, father-in-law of Peter and Alan, proud and loving grandfather of James and Edward and dear brother of Mary. Will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Funeral Service at Altrincham Crematorium on Monday June 10th 1996 at 3 pm. Floral tributes and enquiries to J.C. Clarke & Son Funeral Directors, 4 Crown Buildings, Latham Avenue, Helsby, Cheshire. tel: (01928) 722089.

PIRIE - Peter Norman on 2nd June 1996. May he rest in peace. Requiem Mass at R.C. Church, Hertford, on Tuesday 11th June at 12.15pm. Family flowers only. If desired donations to Leukaemia Research Fund or similar.

RUSSELL - Rosemary, on 4th June 1996 at Cirencester Hospital, beloved and loving wife of Sir Charles Russell Bt in the fiftieth year of their marriage, loving mother of Clare and Charles, and much loved grandmother of Edward, Andrew and Thomas Shepherd and Charles William Russell. Funeral St Peter's R.C. Church, St Peter's Road, Cirencester, on Wednesday 12th June at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Packer and Slade, (01285) 653525.

SHONE - Major Arthur Brian Shone T.D. aged 84, dearly loved brother, died May 31st. Funeral to take place at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Wokingham, on Thursday June 13th at 11.30 am. Enquiries to J.B. Hall, tel: (01734) 793623.

DEATHS

STUART - On June 4th, peacefully in his sleep, Stephen Captain R.N. Beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to many. Funeral strictly private. A Service of Thanksgiving later in Chichester. No flowers but donations to the R.N.L.I. or St Wilfrid's Hospice c/o Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester.

THODAY - Margaret (Peggy) of Christchurch Road, Cheltenham, died on June 2nd, beloved mother of David and Gillian. Funeral Service at Cheltenham Crematorium Chapel on Tuesday June 11th at 12.30pm. Flowers may be sent to Beechwood Funeral Service, 66 Albion Street, Cheltenham. (01242) 228208.

VINEN - On June 2nd, peacefully in her sleep, Joy, Wife of the late Geoffrey and stepmother of James and Andrew. Enquiries to E.R. Hickmott & Son, tel: (01892) 522462/527812.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

IRVING - A Memorial Service for Mr Richard Irving, former Headmaster of Shrewsbury House School, will be held at St Mary's Church, Church Road, Long Ditton, Surrey on Friday 14th June, 1996 at 2.30 pm.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

CAMPBELL - James Armitage F.R.C.P. 6th June 1992, loved and remembered always Liz, his three daughters and five grandchildren.

ROMAN - Don (Donald) William, August 17th 1949 - June 6th 1995. Mourned by his family and many friends.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

COTTON:MERRIMAN - On 6th June 1936, John Cotton to Joan Merriman, at St Giles Church, Ashtead, Surrey. Now at Rotherfield, Sussex. Love and congratulations from all the family.

WHITE:McKAY - Kenneth married Isobel at St Andrews University Chapel on 6th June 1936. Reside in London.

CHRISTENINGS

GONSALVES Holly Renée, born on 3rd January 1996, was Christened on Sunday 26th May 1996. Rev. Canon Peter Larkin conducted the Baptism at St. Matthias Church, Torquay, Devon, where Holly's parents, Melanie and Benny, were married on 6/6/92.

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LORD CAMERON

Lord Cameron, KT, DSC, QC, Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland and Lord of Session, 1955-85, died on May 31 aged 96. He was born on February 8, 1900.

A LOVER of art and music, John Cameron was one of Scotland's most respected judges. He had a particular talent for criminal law and was a cross-examiner of quiet subtlety. Because of his unusually catholic interests, he made a significant contribution to public life, both in Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom. His report on civil rights abuses in Northern Ireland still has currency in government and academic circles.

John Cameron was born into a well-known Edinburgh legal family. When he left the Edinburgh Academy, where he was *dux*, he served at sea as a probationary temporary midshipman in the RNVR, taking part in the campaign in the Baltic which rumbled on after the First World War had ended. For the rest of his life sailing was one of his chief pleasures.

At Edinburgh University he took double honours in classics and history, and then an LLB with distinction. He was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in 1924. His penchant for criminal work soon became apparent and he served as Advocate-Depute (a Crown prosecutor) from 1929 to 1936, when he took silk.

As the Second World War approached, his detestation of Hitler and Fascism became increasingly deeply felt and he served once more in the RNVR. At Dunkirk, where he was mentioned in dispatches, he was in charge of one of the last craft to escape before the Germans arrived — a motorboat which he took out of the narrow channel full speed astern. In 1944, by now a lieutenant-commander, he was awarded the DSC for his "gallantry, skill and determination and undaunted devotion to duty" during the Allied landings in Normandy.

When he returned to the Scottish Bar in 1945, he was appointed Sheriff of Inverness, Elgin and in Nairn, and in 1946 of the successor sheriffdom of Inverness, Moray, Nairn and Ross and Cromarty. He served on the shrieval bench until 1948.

As a QC he showed great skill with civil and criminal juries, and cross-examined witnesses with deceptive art. Defending in a murder trial, he asked the key prosecution witness, in a kindly tone, what happened to people convicted of murder (capital punishment was still in use). The witness replied, with the smile of a simpleton, that he thought they would "get the tawse" (the strap). The court fell silent and his client, like many others, was acquitted.

Lord Cameron was elevated to the bench in 1955, and presided over some of the most famous criminal trials of the age. In the trial of the mass murderer Peter Manuel, he had to offer the accused assistance from the Bench when Manuel dismissed his counsel and conducted his own defence. Upon his conviction Lord Cameron sentenced him to death.

In civil cases his work was also highly regarded. He sat in the First Division, initially with Lord President Clyde and then with Clyde's successor, Lord Emslie. But it was his wide involvement in public life which lent to his career an unusual depth and range. The reports on the inquiries he chaired into a range of issues were notable for their power, clarity and fairness.

In 1955 his court of inquiry into a threatened rail strike ruled that railwaymen should get a fair wage. He led inquiries into the London docks and into the Barbican project and, in 1969, chaired a three-man commission on the disturbances in Northern Ireland. The report upheld the long-standing Roman Catholic grievances.

In 1972 he was appointed a member of the Committee on Contempt of Court and latterly chaired it after the illness of Lord Phillimore. Its recommendations to unify the laws of England and Scotland formed the basis of the Contempt of Court Act of 1981. He also served, 1973-78, on the Royal Commission on Civil Liberty and Compensation for Personal Injury.

Lord Cameron, a keen artist and singer of songs, applied his energies over a wide field in the arts. He was active in the affairs of the Edinburgh Gateway Company and the Edinburgh International Festival Society. He was chairman of directors of the Edinburgh Concert Society, and a keen supporter of the Scottish National Orchestra. As chairman of the council of the Cockburn Association he led the campaign to preserve and enhance Edinburgh's architectural heritage, helping it to evade most of the worst excesses of postwar brutalism.

His ancestors were from the North of Scotland, and he worked hard for Highland development. He was chairman of the Advisory Panel on the Highlands and Islands, and later of the Highlands and Islands Development Consultative Council.

In 1962 the Duke of Edinburgh, as Chancellor of Edinburgh University, appointed Lord Cameron as his assessor. The new age of student power was at hand, and Lord Cameron was among those on the university court not entranced by the aspirations of the new breed of student rectors. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, was the second student rector in 1972.

He was knighted in 1954 and appointed a Knight of the Thistle in 1978. Always a popular member of the Scottish Arts Club, his own gifts as an amateur painter amply qualified him for membership. But he also valued three strands in the Scottish tradition — its intellectual rigour, its preference for plain fare, and its conviviality. He and others would dine regularly on claret and kippers, or sheep's heid, singed and boiled in a broth, both seasoned with pepper, just as their discourse was seasoned with wit.

John Cameron married Eileen Dorothea Burrell in 1927. She died in 1943. In 1944 he married Iris, widow of Lambert C. Shepherd. He is survived by his son — Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, also a Scottish judge, and a former Lord Advocate — and two daughters from his first marriage.

PETER GLENVILLE

Peter Glenville, stage and screen director and actor, died in New York on June 3 aged 82. He was born in London on October 28, 1913.

IT CAME as no surprise to his undergraduate contemporaries when Peter Glenville abandoned his studies in law at Christ Church, Oxford, to pursue a career in the theatre. Indeed, given his family background, the wonder was that he ever seriously considered becoming a lawyer. His paternal grandmother, Mary Glenville, had been a frequent player at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin. His father, Shaun Glenville, was an Irish comedian and his mother, Dorothy Ward, carved out a niche as perhaps the greatest principal boy in pantomime.

Peter Glenville was educated at the Jesuits' Stonyhurst College. The die was cast when, as a student actor, he received rave reviews for his starring performance in a college production of *Hamlet* in the early 1930s. He was elected president of OUDS and from that point on the theatre claimed him.

Although he began as an actor, appearing in the West End and in several British films during the 1940s, his true talent lay in direction. He was engaged as a director by the Old Vic in 1944 and worked with some leading playwrights of the time: Terence Rattigan, Jean Paul Sartre, Tennessee Williams, Jean Anouilh, Aldous Huxley and Graham Greene.

With credits ranging from classical Shakespeare to Feydeau farce, it was not long before Glenville was lured across the Atlantic. Repeating his West End success with the play, he took Rattigan's *The Browning Version* to Broadway in 1949. He went on to direct Rattigan's *Separate Tables* with Margaret Leighton and Eric Portman; and there followed *The Prisoner*, with Alec Guinness, *Romeo and Juliet* with Olivia de Havilland, and Feydeau's *Hotel Paradiso* with Bert Lahr and Angela Lansbury.

He proved adaptable to all forms of drama. He was equally at home directing Anouilh's *Becket*, Sartre's *Crime Passionelle* or Tennessee Williams's *Summer and Smoke* as he was with William Saroyan's *The Time of Your Life*.

He had a clear philosophy of the director's art. It had been said of him that he had a recognisable style of direction which was stamped on each production. Glenville did not take that as a compliment: "I believe that the director should, like a conductor, be an interpreter of a particular world of each playwright with whom he works. On occasion, the style of the play should call for the most delicate and unobtrusive staging. Sometimes other plays allow for broad and colourful strokes of direction, involving all the tricks that theatre magic can provide."

During the 1950s Glenville answered the inevitable call to Hollywood, where he directed — and occasionally helped to script and produce — film versions of his own stage productions. His reputation helped to attract stars of the calibre of Laurence Olivier, Danny Kaye, Simone Signoret and Jack Hawkins. But few of his films received much critical acclaim. *Summer and Smoke* (1961) was dismissed as "wearisome," and *Time of Trial* (1962), with Olivier and Sarah Miles, was described as "rather flabby".

Glenville's last film, the star-studded 1967 production of Graham Greene's *The Comedians*, fared little better. He returned afterwards to work in the theatre and television.

He appreciated the difference between the two mediums, saying: "Cinema is a literature of images. Theatre is a literature of ideas." And he was clearly happier with the latter. At the end of his life, Peter Glenville went to live in San Miguel, Mexico. He was visiting a friend in Manhattan when he died. He was unmarried and leaves no survivors.

MAJOR ANTHONY BOURNE-ARTON

Major Anthony Bourne-Arton, MBE, Conservative MP for Darlington, 1959-64, died on May 28 aged 83. He was born on March 1, 1913.

ALTHOUGH only briefly an MP, Anthony Bourne-Arton represented a type of Conservative who is now almost extinct. He was landed, double-barrelled by marriage, instinctively loyal to country and party and known affectionately, to both opponents and friends, as "the Major".

Bourne-Arton was the second son of W. R. Temple Bourne of Walker Hall in Co Durham and his wife, Evelyn Rose, daughter of Sir Frank Wills, the Bristol tobacco magnate. He became Anthony Bourne-Arton after his marriage to Margaret Elaine, the daughter of W. Denby Arton, the owner of Sleningford Park, Ripon, and of hundreds of acres which had been sold off in the 19th century by the Marquess of Aylesbury to pay his gambling debts.

Educated at Clifton, Bourne-Arton joined the Royal Artillery almost straight from school and first saw active service in Palestine well before the Second World War. He went to France with his guns in 1939, fought in the 1940 campaign, and saw further service in many theatres, including North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was awarded an MBE (mil) and several mentions in dispatches before being ordered to postwar operations in Malaya, from where he finally retired from the Army, taking with him the rank of major by which he was to be known for the rest of his life.

After leaving the Army he plunged straight into local government. After election to Bedale Rural District Council, he became a member of the North Riding County Council and served as a Justice of the Peace in the North Riding. But he had larger ambitions and in 1959 he inherited the then safe Tory seat of Darlington, which he won by 4,417.

He made little impression in the Commons, but in 1962 he was appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to Henry Brooke, Macmillan's Home Secretary, who is still remembered for a series of disasters which marked his term at the Home Office. Bourne-Arton, typically, did his best for his master and in later days he would point out loyally that many of Brooke's problems were due to sheer bad luck as much as anything.

Darlington, a railway town, was always going to be difficult to hold in 1964, the year of Harold Wilson's first victory, but Bourne-Arton's support for the Beeching report and the closure of Darlington's railway workshops did not help him. Labour's Edward Fletcher duly defeated him by nearly 2,000 and although Bourne-Arton, with an old soldier's refusal to surrender, fought the seat again in 1966 and 1970, he never had a realistic chance of winning it back.

In retirement Bourne-Arton continued to play an active part in local affairs while devoting himself to fishing, shooting and his family. He had two sons and two daughters, all of whom survive him together with his wife Elaine, whom he married in 1938.

CARDINAL LÉON-ETIENNE DUVAL

Cardinal Léon-Etienne Duval, former Archbishop of Algiers, died there on May 30 aged 92. He was born in Chênex, Haute-Savoie, France, on November 9, 1903.

ON THE same day that the bodies of seven French Trappist monks were found near Algiers with their throats cut, the battered Christian community of Algeria lost its former spiritual leader, Cardinal Léon-Etienne Duval. Duval had served as Archbishop of Algiers from 1954 until his retirement in 1988. He was increasingly distressed about the fate of the seven monks, who were being held by gunmen of the Armed Islamic Group. He died only hours before the seven were confirmed dead.

Duval died in his home beside the Basilica of Our Lady of Africa in Algiers. The building, which looms over the maze-like district of Bab El-Oued, stands as a moving testimony to the survival of Christianity in the predominantly Islamic country.

Algeria had been granted its independence, after 130 years of French colonial rule, in 1962. Against the odds the Church survived, and with it the religious autonomy of 150,000 Christians living there. Duval was largely responsible for the peaceful coexistence of the two religions.

Born in Chênex, Haute-Savoie, Léon-Etienne Duval entered the seminary of La Roche-sur-Foron at the age of 12 and studied there until 1921. Afterwards he attended the seminary of Annecy and the French seminary in Rome. In 1926 he was ordained priest, and he graduated two years later as a doctor of theology. He then returned to his native Haute-Savoie, where he taught seminarists until 1938 and became Vicar-General of Annecy during the Second World War. He was highly critical of the Vichy regime.

With peace, the course of his life changed. In 1946 he was appointed Bishop of Constantine, the largest city in northeastern Algeria, and consecrated the following year. He intended to stay there for the rest of his life.

In fact he stayed in the elegant city, surrounded by hills, until 1954, when political events overtook him. On February 3 he was transferred to the bishopric of Algiers. Within months, following the Algerian National Liberation Front's declaration of the "November 1 Revolution", Duval embarked on a course of action which would set him apart from his countrymen and from many of his congregation.

As the bitter and bloody conflict of the war intensified, Duval became one of only a handful of sane, impartial voices among the Europeans calling for the building of "a new Algeria" which would respect the aspirations of both the minority Christian and majority Muslim communities. Throughout hostilities he used his tact to dilute the growing spirit of pessimism.

Duval was horrified by the suffering he witnessed among the Algerians. He reminded the French Government that it was making its task of keeping its colony more difficult by worsening that suffering. Dreadful stories of French troops torturing Algerians in concentration camps were beginning to emerge. Europeans were also being butchered. In the midst of this carnage, Duval stood firm in his belief that only reciprocal understanding could end the conflict.

In the end France withdrew, and in 1962 Algeria became independent. In 1965 Duval became an Algerian citizen, though he retained his French nationality. He was derided by many Frenchmen as a traitor, and given the nickname "Mohamed Duval". However, his patient and reasonable stand throughout the difficult years of the war had earned him the respect of the Catholic church. Eleven days after Duval became an Algerian citizen, Pope Paul VI elevated him to the position of Cardinal.

As Algeria set itself upon a new, socialist path, the church was again threatened. In 1976 the three basilicas of Annaba, Algiers and Oran were occupied by gendarmes in a show of force. Duval had no choice but to go straight to the top. He requested President Houari Boumedienne to order their immediate withdrawal. The request worked.

Within the Catholic church, Duval provided the reformists of the 1960s with a powerful insight into many of the issues which Rome knew it must confront, in particular its relations with other world religions. To this end, in 1971 Duval was appointed head of a synod of bishops charged with conducting inter-religious dialogue.

Recently, he had become depressed about the resurgent crisis in Algeria. He told *Le Monde*: "Between 1961 and 1962, behind the violence, there was a strong sense of hope, a hope for independence. Today, behind the violence, there is no longer any hope at all; there is nothing more than a vast void."

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*The celebration of the 800th anniversary of the foundation of St. Bartholomew's Hospital began yesterday with a service in the Priory Church of St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield. The church, a lovely example of Norman architecture, is all that remains of the Priory of the Augustinian Canons Regular, founded by Rahere in 1123, with the now-famous hospital as a subsidiary work of piety. Massive, narrow and dark, as most Norman buildings were, the little church, as we now know it, is no more adapted to spectacle than it was intended for it. Yet, as it gradually filled yesterday morning with men in academic dress and with hospital nurses, the contrast between the grey stillness of the ancient, serried stones and the play of colour was good to the eye. The Bishop of Chester in his address spoke of the millions in England and faraway who today were thinking of the hospital and wishing it well. He dwelt upon the span of 800 years, which imagination could not grasp without effort; and went on to claim that if Rahere could be summoned to the hospital as it now is there would be nothing to apologise for, nothing to disturb the confidence and the clear conscience of his successors. The modern hospital could stand unabashed in his presence, able to show the apostolical succession unbroken from St. Bartholomew to the present day . . .

At noon a great fanfare of trumpets and drums rang out from over the main gateway. When it died away, from the far corner of the square there entered a little body whose like is not often seen in public in England, Augustinian Canons Regular, from the four houses in England. Another fanfare of trumpets and the tension broke. Out marched a herald, attended by Yeomen of the Guard and in a voice that might have been heard all across Smithfield read the proclamation by which the Prince of Wales, president of the hospital, commanded that the celebrations should begin. And begin they did, with two piteous little processions of sick and poor, in the dress of King Henry I's days, who appealed in vain to the charity of two haughty nobles striding by. Then quietly there came a solitary monk; and the sick and poor appealed to him, not in vain. They were clinging round him when there came on the scene the proud figure of Richard, Bishop of London; and the monk, Rahere by name, kneeling before the Bishop drew on the ground the rough plan of the hospital that he wished to build. And the Bishop gave his consent and his blessing . . .

ON THIS DAY

June 6, 1923

The church of St Bartholomew-the-Great came unscathed through the Great Fire in 1666, a Zeppelin raid in the First World War, and the Blitz in the second; the hospital was less fortunate, but survived.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Britain defies Brussels over beef

■ Britain's battle with the European Union over beef turned into an angry stand-off last night after Brussels refused to make any further moves towards lifting the general export ban until John Major ends his policy of non-cooperation.

The European Commission agreed, as expected, to end the embargo on beef by-products, but Jacques Santer launched a fierce attack on Britain's "absurd" stance, which he claimed was breaking the EU's founding treaty .... **Pages 1, 21**

Blair admits smacking his children

■ Tony Blair said that he smacked his children and believed corporal punishment was an appropriate way to maintain discipline. His admission to *Parent Magazine* delighted Right-wing Tories but his own politically correct backbenchers see it as a mild blot on his moral reputation.......................... **Page 1**

Ulster gap widens

John Major and John Bruton held urgent discussions to try to close a widening gap between the British and Irish Governments over next week's Northern Ireland talks .... **Pages 2, 21**

Holiday girl drowned

Rebecca Ramsey, aged five, was feared drowned after being swept away by a high tide while on holiday near Bude in Cornwall. She had been walking on the beach with her family....... **Page 3**

Diana mania

Chicago television stations renamed their weather forecasts "Diana-casts" and adult spectators sobbed with emotion as the Princess of Wales continued her visit to America .... **Page 5**

Stone Age wine

The discovery in Iran of an ancient retsina has pushed back the origin of wine by 2,000 years. Traces were found in a jar dated about *5,000 BC*.......... **Pages 6, 21**

Football fear

The FA's decision to drop strict controls on Euro 96 tickets and sell them on match days could lead to disorder, the national policing co-ordinator said..... **Page 8**

Premature exam

Hundreds of A-level chemistry papers have been withdrawn from schools nationwide after a teacher allowed pupils to sit the examination early .... **Page 11**

Bridge to Wales

The Prince of Wales opened the first bridge linking England directly with his principality. It will shave three miles and much frustration from a journey from London to Cardiff............ **Page 12**

Doctors back reforms

Doctors sympathetic to the Conservative Party have set up a covert campaign to promote the Government's health reforms in the run-up to the general election .... **Page 13**

Netanyahu warned

Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister-elect, was told that Israeli hopes for lasting peace with the Arabs would fail if he trampled on Palestinian aspirations for statehood....... **Page 14**

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Republicans attacked the Clinton White House as their Senate Whitewater committee members accused Democratic colleagues of a cover-up.................. **Pages 15, 20**

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A row about the Holocaust has broken out in France after the Olympic synchronised swimming team chose Nazi genocide as its theme for Atlanta .. **Page 17**

Fearful groom's honeymoon is over

■ A bridegroom showered with presents after announcing that he might die of cancer days after his wedding never had the disease. Doctors said Paul Challis had been suffering from an ear infection — not cancer of the cranium as he had claimed. Sympathetic businesses gave the bridal gown, cake, rings, a hired white Rolls-Royce and a champagne reception.... **Page 3**

HERMANN KNIPPERTZ/AP

A photocall at the Bonn Foreign Ministry before talks which led to the lifting of the ban on British beef by-products yesterday. From left, Douglas Hogg, Malcolm Rifkind and Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister. Pages 1, 21

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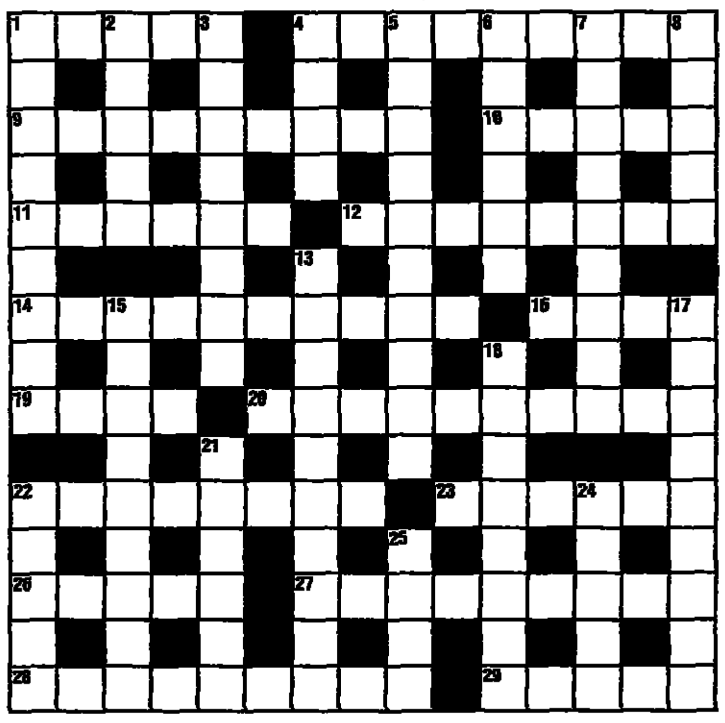

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1 Keep to right, following directions (5).
4 Good hand from packed theatre (4,5).
9 Conservative member, disheartened, to withdraw (5,4).
10 Cricketer caught before he's half set (5).
11 Mount puzzling pictures after opening of exhibition (6).
12 It's important to Irish, moving about (8).
14 In depression, was extravagant with curses (4,6).
16 Clip nails back (4).
19 Nanny subject to attack (4).
20 Foreign head, one of the Greens (6,4).
22 Twelve thousand I had, almost exactly (8).
23 Dirty backing of rich crimson cloaks (6).
26 Brief bit of film about queen (5).
27 Standing out roughly three foot (2,3,4).
28 Cockney's abrasive bird (9).
29 Shiny vessel's taken back (5).

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1 Heading out of Canberra, take grub, possibly, in this (6-3).
2 Refrain from using gesture when speaking (5).
3 Backfires and limits engineers imposed thereon (8).
4 Swindle of rising fare (4).
5 Extended one's property in New York area (4,6).
6 Takes part in creating clothes (6).
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17 False arrest followed by summons (9).
18 Bubbly winners receiving sovereign (8).
21 Request to turn in clue that's excellent (6).
22 Painting Grandma Miriam's brother (5).
24 Flower providing the ultimate in nectar, leading to lots of honey (5).
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Yesterday: Highest day temp: Gravesend, Kent, 28C (82F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Strathclyde, 0.51in; highest sunshine: London, 15.5hr

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Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly dry with sunny spells, though a few showers are likely in the north at first. Cloud will increase in the west later. Warm in eastern Scotland; temperatures nearer normal elsewhere. Winds fairly light.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S, E, Cent N England, E Anglia, Midlands, Channel Is:** Dry; hazy sunshine. Wind S or SE light, but local sea breezes. Hot inland. Max 24C to 27C (75F to 81F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales:** Fog patches on coasts, sunshine inland. Wind mostly light and variable, some sea breezes. Max 22C to 25C (72F to 77F), cooler on coasts.

☐ **N Wales, NW, NE England, Lakes, IoM, Borders, SW Scotland:** Rather cloudy at times, showers developing, some heavy later. Wind S or SE light. Max 22C to 24C (70F to 75F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** Dry; good sunny spells. Wind mainly SE light. Warm. Max 18C to 21C (64F to 70F).

☐ **Glasgow, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** Dry; sunny spells. Cloudier later. Wind S light becoming SE moderate. Max 17C to 19C (63F to 66F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** Sunny spells after some early showers. Wind SW or S light. Max 14C to 16C (57F to 61F).

☐ **Outlook:** Showers spreading east and south, thundery in places. Dry, fresher weather following.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** low in Scotland, N England, N Ireland, central London; low to moderate in Wales; moderate in the South West; moderate to high in the Midlands; high in East Anglia and the South East.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

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Aberdeen	4.8	0.02	17	63	r	Lerwick	4.3	0.14	13	55	r
Anglesey	4.8	0.01	15	59	c	Leuchars	4.1	0.06	17	63	r
Aspatria	6.0	0.15	17	63	r	Littlehmptn	13.6	-	23	73	s
Aviemore	5.7	0.03	17	63	sh	London	15.5	-	26	79	s
Belfast	6.5	0.10	20	68	r	Lowestoft	11.4	-	20	68	s
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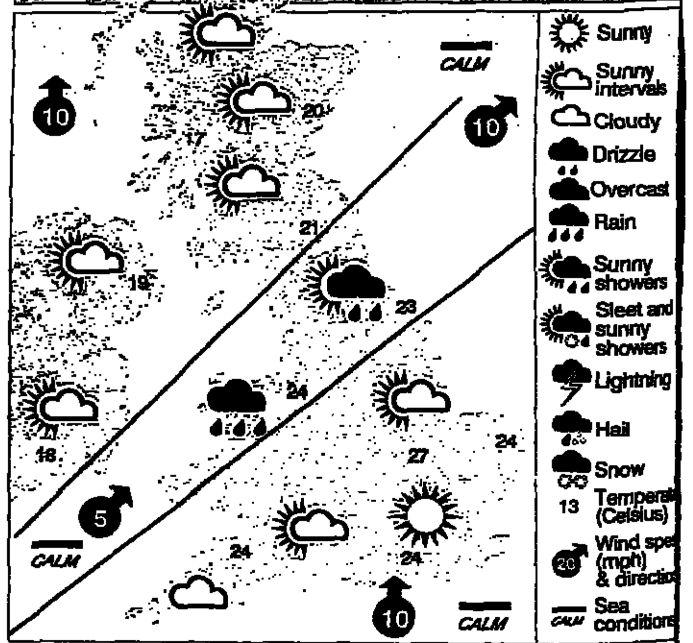
Buxton	6.0	0.01	20	68	b	Newcastle	X				
Cardiff	12.6	-	23	73	s	Norwich	13.5	-	27	81	s
Clacton	15.4	-	16	61	s	Oxford	12.7	-	26	79	s
Colwyn Bay	2.8	0.01	21	70	c	Penzance	X	-	18	64	s
Cromer	14.8	-	27	81	s	Poole	14.8	-	23	73	s
Dunbar	7.8	0.01	18	64	r	Prestatyn	X	-	19	66	c
Eastbourne	15.3	-	18	64	s	Ross-o-wye	11.7	-	25	77	s
Edinburgh	X					Ryde	12.8	-	23	73	s
Eskdalemuir	0.7	0.28	13	55	r	Salcombe	12.3	-	21	70	s
Exmouth	14.1	-	18	64	s	Sandown	12.2	-	17	63	s
Falmouth	10.1	-	18	64	s	Sauntn Snd	9.2	-	22	72	s
Fishguard	4.2	0.01	18	64	r	Scarboro'	11.1	0.01	21	70	s
Folkestone	15.1	-	25	77	s	Shanklin	X				
Glasgow	7.1	0.24	19	66	r	Shrewsbury	8.3	0.01	24	75	s
Guernsey	13.5	-	26	79	s	Skegness	14.5	-	27	81	s
Hastings	14.9	-	23	73	s	Southend	12.3	-	25	77	s
Hayling I	11.5	-	19	66	s	Southport	2.7	0.02	19	66	r
Herne Bay	15.3	-	26	79	s	Southsea	12.8	-	19	66	s
Hove	10.5	-	21	70	s	Stornoway	4.2	0.38	14	57	sh
Hunstanton	X	-	27	81	s	Swanage	14.1	-	15	59	s
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	14.0	-	16	61	s
Isle of Man	4.1	0.16	14	57	s	Torquay	14.0	-	18	64	s
Jersey	14.4	-	28	82	s	Ventnor	13.6	-	20	68	s
Kinloss	X					West-s-mare	12.7	-	25	77	s
Leeds	6.3	0.01	21	70	r	Weymouth	14.8	-	18	64	s

ABROAD

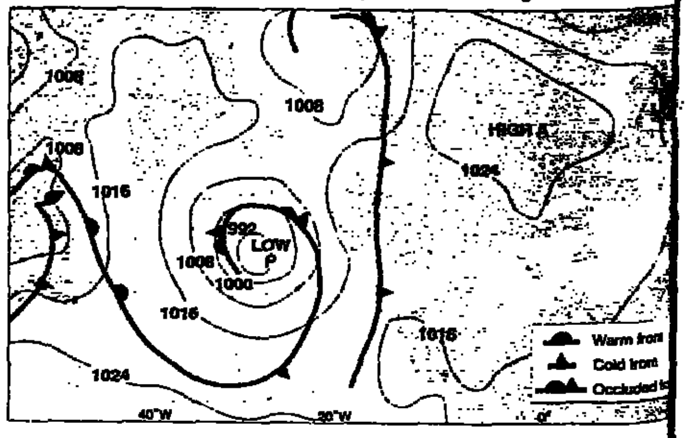
	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	r	Corfu	28	82	s	Majorca	24	75	f	Riyadh	42	108	s
Akrotiri	25	77	s	C'phagn	16	61	f	Malaga	24	75	s	Rome	18	64	r
Alex'dria	25	77	f	Dublin	16	61	c	Malta	26	79	f	S Fr'isco	18	64	s
Algiers	21	70	f	Dubrovnik	24	75	s	Melb'rne	13	55	f	Salzburg	17	63	c
Amst'dm	18	64	c	Faro	26	79	s	Mexico C	21	70	f	Santiago	23	73	s
Athens	28	82	s	Florence	29	84	s	Miami	28	82	f	Seoul	28	82	s
B Aires	15	59	s	Frankfurt	21	70	s	Milan	28	82	s	Sing'por	32	90	f
Bahrain	39	102	s	Funchal	22	72	s	Montreal	22	72	s	St'kholm	19	66	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Genova	20	68	f	Moscow	25	77	s	Strasb'rg	23	73	s
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	21	70	s	Munich	17	63	c	Sydney	18	64	f
Barcelona	24	75	s	Helsinki	19	66	f	N Delhi	35	95	s	Tangier	25	77	s
Beirut	25	77	f	Hong K	32	90	f	N York	23	73	s	Tel Aviv	26	79	f
Belgrade	26	79	f	Innsbrck	20	68	c	Nairobi	22	72	f	Tenerife	23	73	f
Berlin	19	66	s	Istanbul	21	70	f	Naples	X			Tokyo	27	81	s
Bermuda	25	77	f	Jeddah	32	90	s	Nice	23	73	s	Toronto	16	61	r
Biarritz	19	66	s	Jo'burg	16	61	s	Oslo	12	54	r	Tunis	24	75	c
Borde'x	24	75	s	L Angels	23	73	c	Paris	24	75	s	Valencia	26	79	s
Brussels	21	70	s	L Palmas	23	73	f	Peking	29	84	f	Vanc'ver	16	61	c
Budapest	27	81	s	Le Touq	18	64	f	Perth	17	63	f	Venice	26	79	s
Cairo	28	82	s	Lisbon	28	82	s	Prague	15	59	c	Vienna	22	72	c
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Locarno	24	75	s	Reykjavik	12	54	f	Warsaw	16	61	c
Ch'church	9	48	-	Luxembg	21	70	f	Rhodes	26	79	s	Wash'ton	26	79	s
Chicago	13	55	f	Luxor	35	95	s	Rio de J	23	73	f	Wel'ngton	11	52	X
Cologne	22	72	s	Madrid	24	75	s	Rio de J	19	66	f	Zurich	18	64	c

Temperatures at midday local time on Tuesday. X - not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: low P will continue to push N towar Iceland, deepening temporarily before slowly filling; high A is expected t remain dominant across much of Europe with little change in central press



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM
London Bridge	4.57	7.2	5.13	6.8	Leith	5.38	5.5	6.15
Aberdeen	4.19	4.1	5.05	4.0	Liverpool	2.08	9.4	2.39
Avonmouth	10.22	13.0	10.43	12.9	Lowestoft	0.26	2.4	[illegible]
Belfast	1.57	3.8	2.39	3.4	Margate	3.00	4.7	[illegible]
Cardiff	10.07	11.3	10.30	11.2	Milford Haven	9.25	6.6	9.50
Devonport	9.04	5.2	9.19	5.3	Newquay	8.09	6.5	8.34
Dover	1.48	6.6	2.15	6.6	Oban	8.40	3.4	9.10
Dublin (N Wall)	2.20	4.2	3.08	3.9	Penzance	7.43	5.2	8.10
Falmouth	8.09	4.8	8.34	5.0	Portland	9.58	1.9	10.15
Greenock	3.16	3.5	3.56	3.2	Portsmouth	2.10	4.7	2.49
Harwich	2.44	4.1	3.04	3.9	Shoreham	2.01	6.1	2.35
Holyhead	1.05	5.6	1.41	5.2	Southampton	1.34	4.5	2.08
Hull (Albert D)	9.14	7.4	9.56	7.1	Swansea	9.30	9.2	9.54
Ilfracombe	9.08	9.0	9.33	9.0	Tees	6.46	5.3	[illegible]
King's Lynn	9.09	7.0	9.37	6.5	Walton-on-Naze	2.36	4.3	[illegible]

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises:	4.46 am
Sun sets	9.14 pm
Moon sets	10.21 am
Moon rises	12.04 am

Last quarter June 8

London 9.14 pm to 4.45 am
Bristol 9.23 pm to 4.55 am
Edinburgh 9.53 pm to 4.30 am
Manchester 9.33 pm to 4.42 am
Penzance 9.28 pm to 5.14 am

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